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Certified question on land payments inches forward

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The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation will soon name a lawmaker to sign off on a “certified question” on a local law that mandates payments to families in the CNMI whose properties were taken by the government for public use.

Saipan Local Law 18-19 mandates the distribution of \$800,000 to more than 200 Saipan families. The payments will be made by the Department of Public Lands and will come from “landing fees” that are generated from tourists visiting Managaha Island, a prime tourist spot in the CNMI.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EXPO

Department of Fire and Emergency Services personnel show off some of their on-the-job equipment to a fascinated group of students from the fourth and fifth grades at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Environmental Expo yesterday. The expo continues today and ends tomorrow.

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Commerce completes prevailing wage survey

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The Department of Commerce has completed the initial phase of the prevailing wage survey in the Commonwealth.

According to Alfonsis

Sound, director of the department's Central Statistic Division, the survey garnered a 97-percent response rate from business respondents on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

“This response rate is enough for us to complete the

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Probable cause found to charge Mathewson



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

William Abraham Kapono Mathewson emerges with a Corrections officer and court marshal from the courtroom of Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho after yesterday's preliminary hearing. Also in the photo are Mathewson's sister, left, and his aunt, who both flew in from Hawaii on Monday.

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Probable cause has been found to charge William Abraham Kapono Mathewson with attempted murder in the first degree and two other charges over the beat-

ing and stabbing of Dr. Francois Claassens.

» Suspect's sister, aunt arrive from Hawaii

At a preliminary hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho said the prosecution presented enough evidence to

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'Best Sunshine will be heavily regulated'

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Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Edward C. Deleon Guerrero said they will heavily regulate the temporary live training facility

that Best Sunshine International, Ltd. will be setting up at the T-Galleria.

Deleon Guerrero, who served as guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting yesterday at Hyatt Regency

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Local

Students learn about the environment at BECQ Expo

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A one-stop event for children to learn about the environment kicked off yesterday at the American Memorial Park.

Using models, photos, and on-the-job equipment, forestry, biology, and safety experts taught students about the various ways their environment work. Students learned about soil protection, healthy or sick corals, reusable bags, and the harm of pesticides and runoff pollution, among others. They also examined the bones of a 35-foot Bryde whale that washed up at the Masalog Beach on Tinian in 2005.

According to the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, they host the Environmental Expo to “improve, protect and conserve Saipan’s natural resources.” BECQ says the three-day event is “a one-stop opportunity both for presenters to reach out to hundreds of students, and for 4th and 5th grade teachers to fulfill environmental education curriculum standards for their classes.”

Several other environmental partners from the community and government joined BECQ for the event.

Yesterday, students gathered around U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Kendal Hicks and his

model farm. He taught students to “take half and leave half” when grazing with farm animals for a healthy pasture.

CNMI Forestry’s Frank Ada and Jason Tenorio taught kids about forest health, asking them to report any unusual insects they find to their teachers because they might be harmful to the plants here.

When asked, “Why do you like this job?” Ada told the student that he liked hiking and planting. “I like to get my hands dirty,” he said.

The Department of Fire EMS team showed students their on-the-job equipment, passing around fire helmets and explain-

ing how they used water nozzles, stretches, and first aid kits.

The Safe Drinking Water branch of BECQ Division of Environmental Quality asked students to think about where they get their water. They taught how water is made safe to drink, from the ground, to utilities, to the stores.

DEQ marine biologist Steven Johnson taught student how to identify healthy corals from sick ones. Using different pictures of corals and matching their colors to a “coral health chart,” students learned that healthy coral were colorful and sick ones were white.

“It’s all our responsibility to

look for healthy and sick coral at the beach,” he told students, adding that if all corals at Pau Pau Beach were sick, for example, people might not be able to go to the beach.

Becky Furey, program manager at Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, taught students about things that don’t belong in the water like plastic bottles, bags, or slippers. These could end up killing turtles.

At the end of her presen-

tation, students pledged, “I promise to throw litter away, and show others how to recycle the right way. I will respect my ocean and the land, by protecting it with my own two hands. I need to care, because out island is our home to share.”

John Furey, of Asia Pacific Academy of Science, Education and Environmental Management, laid out the meters-long vertebra of a beached whale at the park amphitheater.

‘Fiji Live on Saipan’ concert on Saturday at Fiesta Resort

One of the biggest Polynesian artists, with millions of fans around the Pacific and Hawaii, will be making his way to Saipan to perform this Saturday.

George Veikoso—widely known as Fiji—is expected to wow Saipan with his international reggae hits like *Sweet Darling* and *Come on Over*. Fiji’s other popular hits are *Morning Ride* and *Naughty Girl*.

The “Fiji Live on Saipan” concert will be held at Fiesta Resort and Spa beach side. Doors open at 5pm and show starts at 6:30pm.

Tickets are being sold at Borderline in Garapan and the 670 Rocksteady Shop on Middle Road. It is \$40 for general and \$60 for VIP. VIP benefits include sitting at the center stage

area, beverage and beer garden, and two free drink tickets.

Fiji will joined in the one-night concert by Hawaiian artists Kolohe Kai, DJ Hapa Boy, Siasoi, Kiwini Vaitai, and Drew Deezy, who will serve as his opening act.

Local musicians High Tide, Roman Tudela, Parker Yobei, and Caroline Connect will also perform.

The “Fiji Live on Saipan” is a production of Steven Brownstein Entertainment.

“Preparations are currently underway as we hope to kick off 2015 with these once-in-a-lifetime musical concert experiences for the CNMI community,” said Nola Hix, who is a member of the concert committee. (*Jayson Camacho*)

Military proposes own wastewater systems for base camp, training ops

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The U.S. military proposes to build independent wastewater systems to support base camp, munitions storage, and port activities on Tinian.

According to the draft environmental impact statement on live-fire training on Tinian and Pagan, these wastewater facilities will be built and maintained in accordance with CNMI regulations.

Right now, Tinian is unsewered. Most buildings use septic tanks. There are some decentralized collection and treat systems, like in the San Jose area, that lead to a central septic and leaching field system. The Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino owns the only treatment system that does not use a septic tank.

The EIS notes that the existing U.S. military septic tank and leaching field system on Tinian would not have adequate capacity for operations. Their largest wastewater needs would come from their base camp, which is proposed north of the Tinian airport.

The EIS describes an average daily wastewater flow of 47,052 gallons when no training is ongoing. Peak average flow is 51,327 gallons.

During “basic max training,” with up to 1,500 personnel, the EIS lists 122,052 gallons per day, with a peak of 238,827 gal-

lons per day.

During surge training with up to 3,000 personnel, the EIS lists an average daily wastewater flow of 197,052 gallons per day, with a peak of 426,327 gallons per day.

Per CNMI regulations, any project above 5,000 gallons of wastewater flow a day would have to use technology other than a septic tank and leaching field.

CNMI regulations would also require the military to have secondary treatment, or sewer treatment.

But the EIS notes that a “critical issue” with the effluent, or sewage discharge, limits is the total nitrogen parameter, which the CNMI lists at a limit of 1.0 milligram. The EIS finds that is “lower than what is attainable using best available control technology.”

The EIS notes that CNMI regulatory agencies are aware of this issue and evaluates this on a case-by-case basis.

For the munitions storage area located outside the base camp, average wastewater flow would be 3,880 gallons per day.

Facilities at the Port of Tinian would treat industrial wastewater. This would come from the wash-down of vehicles, estimated at 12,000 gallons per day when the facility is in use.

This wastewater would flow into a sedimentation basin, followed by sand filtration system, before being discharged into a storm retention pond.

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Man described as serial rapist gets 15 years instead of 23

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The Office of the Attorney General has agreed to lower to 15 years the 23-year prison sentence imposed in 2012 on Anthony Raymond Mendiola Camacho, a habitual offender described by the prosecution as a serial rapist who kidnapped and sexually terrorized his latest victim.

Assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan, counsel for Department of Corrections Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero, agreed to the change in Camacho's sentence with Camacho's counsel, Richard W. Pierce.

Sablan and Pierce agreed that Camacho received ineffective assistance of counsel during the plea bargaining stage in the case and that habeas relief is warranted.

Attorney Stephen Woodruff used to serve as Camacho's counsel.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman accepted the parties' agreement yesterday.

In his order for final judgment, Wiseman sentenced Camacho to a total of 23 years and six months, with credit for time served of 81 days as of May 14, 2012.

Wiseman said Camacho shall serve the mandatory sentence

of 15 years without parole. The judge said the remaining eight years and six months shall be suspended.

After completing the prison term, Camacho will be placed on probation for eight years and six months.

Wiseman said the modification concedes that Camacho has served time under the original sentence and he shall receive credit for it.

On Feb. 23, 2012, with the jury trial on its third day and the prosecution still having two witnesses to call, Camacho interrupted the proceedings to plead guilty to kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, attempted sexual assault in the first de-

gree, and disturbing the peace.

On May 14, 2012, Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo slapped Camacho with a sentence of 23 years and six months.

Govendo ordered the then-38-year-old Camacho to serve the mandatory sentence of 15 years without parole, with credit for the 81 days he had already served in jail.

Camacho, through then new counsel, Pierce, filed a petition for habeas corpus. The defense argued that Camacho received ineffective assistance of then-counsel Woodruff.

The prosecution at the time described Camacho as a serial rapist and recommended a life

sentence or the maximum of 55 years and six months. Woodruff recommended the mandatory maximum of 15 years, subject to parole.

At the sentencing in 2012, Govendo noted Camacho's voluminous criminal history, including an attack on a 15-year-old girl, two rape cases, and an attempted rape.

In the current case, Govendo said Camacho tried to rape the victim but only succeeded in groping her.

Police said Camacho asked the victim to bring him to a secluded area in As Matuis where he threatened to kill her before trying to rape her inside her car on Feb. 23, 2011. The

woman managed to escape after she hit him in the left eye with the car key, forcing him to go down from the vehicle and giving her the chance to drive off.

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CUC looks at entry-level salaries

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board director Joe Torres asked CUC management last week to return the bottom end of CUC's pay scale to \$15,000.

During board discussion, the current pay rate of \$14,704 was discussed between the board and CUC's Human Resources and management.

The board adopted CUC's pay ranges in November but, according to Torres, he had assumed the entry level was at

\$15,000 a year.

Torres asked the corporation to revisit the pay ranges and change the rate for entry-level positions.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher clarified that the \$14,704 number was the "bottom end" of the pay range. "We currently have no one making the minimum," he said. "But that's possible depending on the skill level of the employee that we would hire in the future."

4 Tinian beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged four Tinian beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Leprosarium Beach I, Leprosarium Beach II, Unai Babui, and Unai

Masalok Beach

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. **(DEQ)**

LAND

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But the payments have been delayed because questions about the local law itself have arisen, including questions whether these landing fees are considered "land leases" or "fees" and whether they could be used to pay for land compensations.

Delegation chair Rep. Joh Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) said he would soon discuss with members to name a lawmaker who will sign off on the certified question that will be then sent to the NMI Supreme Court.

Sablan said this is a "significant development" with the SNILD sanctioning the certified question.

According to Sablan, he earlier sent a letter to Public Lands and the Office of the Attorney General on the matter. One letter asked DPL to "follow the rule" and the other was to ask the attorney general to "enforce the law," Sablan said.

"Both responded. DPL thinks it [payments] is unconstitutional, and the AG said perhaps it will be for the best interest of everyone to take the matter to the Supreme Court," Sablan said.

He said the process on the certified question "is not an easy task and might take years."

"But we need to start somewhere," Sablan said.

Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) earlier said SLL 18-19 "remains a valid CNMI law," because there is no court decision saying otherwise.

The \$800,000 land compensation payments will come from \$1 million in landing fees that the government, through the DPL, currently holds.

Since September 2014, the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos has long been considering going the route of a certified question to get legal guidelines for pending judgments or obligations such as land com-

pensations.

But that certified question has yet to be submitted. Public Lands earlier said that if the courts opine that SLL 18-19 is constitutional, it will proceed to make payments to land claimants.

'Unconstitutional'

Gilbert Birnrich, the former attorney general, said last year the public law runs counter to the CNMI Constitution.

"It is the OAG's belief that SLL 18-19 is unconstitutional because it infringes upon the constitutionally required function of [Marianas Public Land Trust] to receive the revenues generated from the management and disposition of public lands for the benefit of persons of Northern Marianas descent," he said.

He said a certified question before the Supreme Court will put finality not only to the much-debated land compensation law but also any law and future laws that appropriates money from the Managaha landing and users fees.

Birnrich said only after a member of the Legislature agrees to work with the Executive Branch on the certified question will the OAG, in concert with the Inos administration and DPL secretary, collaborate "with the named representative(s) and their designated counsel to come up with the appropriate wording" for the certified question.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Tony Benavente, and former representative Chris Leon Guerrero were three members of the previous House of Representatives who volunteered to sign off on the certified question. Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) also offered to file the certified question but the 18th Legislature adjourned before the question was filed.

It is now up to the 19th Legislature to work on the certified question.

He said the ability to raise the minimum level for CUC maintenance workers— their lowest rated or classified positions— rests with the board.

The current pay rate was low-

ered in 2006, from a pay rate of \$15,000 established in 2004.

Torres said he wants the pay rate to "go back" to 2004. "We have a local workforce we are trying to bring in," he emphasized.

SUNSHINE

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Saipan, said the commission's emergency regulations that were adopted on April 1, 2015, will be in effect for 120 days.

These regulations include provisions for the collection of fees, licensing of employees, and provisional licensing for vendors, among others.

Deleon Guerrero said the commission pushed for the rapid passage of the regulations to enable Best Sunshine to purchase several equipment that would be used at the training facility. He said some of Best Sunshine's manufacturers are asking for at least 120 days from the time of purchase to the time of the items being delivered.

Deleon Guerrero said that, contrary to what some people believe, Best Sunshine will be heavily regulated and would not be exempted from taxation.

"We are looking at hiring 128 individuals. These will be

for the administrative, enforcement, investigation, permitting, compliance and audit divisions. We will hire regular inspectors. So will have 'eyes in the sky' on every inch of [T Galleria]," Deleon Guerrero said.

He said that funding for the Casino Commission employees require government appropriation. The only funding source it currently has is the \$1 million non-refundable fee submitted by Best Sunshine during the request for proposals last year.

"We submitted a budget and required \$2.6 million for our operations; however, we're not included in the governor's budget. So hopefully we can be included in the supplemental budget," he said.

Best Sunshine would have to follow the emergency regulations in order for its gaming operations to proceed.

According to Deleon Guerrero, they came up with the rules and regulations after looking at many U.S. jurisdictions involved in live gaming casino,

ing of April 4, 2015.

Manacop said a police officer who arrived at the scene heard Mathewson yelling repeatedly, "I killed the doc."

Manacop testified that he, along with police detective Nick Rabauliman and crime scene detective Jeffrey Bahillo, went to Rota on April 7 to complete processing of the crime scene. Manacop said they brought the evidence from Rota to the Department of Public Safety on Saipan.

Manacop said when they arrived on Rota, the crime scene was already secured by Rota police. Among the recovered evidence were a spear, a chain, shovel, rock, pot, and Mathewson's cellphone.

Manacop said they gathered that Mathewson also strangled the doctor with his phone's cord and punched him in the face and head, with his fist wrapped with the chain.

Manacop said that when he saw Mathewson after his arrest, the suspect had a bruise on the

The CUC board had adopted "pay rate option 3" last November, with a lowest pay rate of \$14,704.

To accommodate Torres' request, CUC staff indicated

including Tinian.

Early remittance of \$15M

Best Sunshine has already given \$5 million out of the \$15 million supposedly for the second year due on Aug. 14 under its license agreement. However, the other \$10 million will be submitted after the Department of Public Lands and the CNMI government with Best Sunshine signs on the Samoan Housing Area for the initial gaming facility.

Fees

Best Sunshine, according to Deleon Guerrero, is looking to hire 497 employees for 19 positions. They will be licensed and charged several fees.

Among the fees that Best Sunshine would pay for the licensing of employees include a \$1,000 fee per key casino employee with a renewal fee of \$500 and a \$250 fee per casino employee with a renewal fee of \$125. All renewal fees for key and regular employees need to be paid on or before every Oct. 1.

left side of his neck and scratches on his legs.

As to the charge of attempted murder in the first degree, Rapadas argued that Mathewson was angry when he went to the doctor's house and that during the attack, he assaulted the victim with a rock, pot, a chain wrapped around his fist, and a spear.

Rapadas said the suspect wanted to make sure that the doctor was dead by pushing the spear in his neck.

When police arrested Mathewson at the scene, the suspect stated that he wanted to see the doctor die, Rapadas said.

These evidence show that Mathewson intended to kill Claassens, he added.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato argued that the prosecution made a clerical error in charging the defendant with attempted first degree murder as there is no evidence of premeditation.

In asking the court to dismiss the charge of attempted first degree murder, Sato said there's

they could switch this pay rate with part of another proposed pay rate option, or "pay rate option 2." This had a lowest pay rate of \$15,495 a year. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

Other fees include: \$125 per year per machine (1 to 100 machines); \$100 per year per additional machine (101 to 300 machines); and \$75 per year per additional machine (301 or more). Fees will also need to be remitted at the beginning of operations and thereafter every Oct. 1.

Gaming tables will be assessed a fee of \$250 each every year.

No casino service provider license shall also be issued or renewed unless the applicant "shall have first paid in full a license fee of \$5,000 for the duration of the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year thereafter." A biannual renewal fee must be remitted in full to the Casino Commission by Oct. 1 of the second fiscal year after the original application and every second Oct. 1 thereafter.

Other fees include a \$200 petition fee, \$500 for agent enrollment fee, \$100 for declaratory ruling notification fee, and other fees that may be appropriate for the commission to assess.

no evidence to suggest that it was a willful premeditation.

Sato did not argue regarding the other charges of aggravated assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

In his rebuttal, Rapadas said they proved premeditation, which may occur even only in seconds.

Sitting on the first row bench behind Mathewson was his aunt and sister. During a short break, the suspect smiled at the two.

The sister and aunt, who flew from Hawaii on Monday, said they were shocked with the incident because they said Mathewson is not a violent person. They refused to comment further.

Claassens' injuries include puncture wounds in his nape and right side of mouth. He sustained numerous deep lacerations and contusions to the head, and his right ear was bleeding. He suffered fractured legs, arms, and skull, police said. He was last reported to be slowly recovering in a Guam hospital.

to Guam's prevailing wage, which is much, much higher. Our economy is different than Guam and the wage scale is different regardless of the situation. We have a different economy and we need to determine what scale we have so companies won't inadvertently be impacted here with a scale that has no relevance," the executive said.

Sablan said the only way the CNMI can have access to more H-1 workers is for the prevailing wage and workforce assessment study to be conducted every two years as required by the federal government.

MATHEWSON

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charge the 36-year-old Mathewson with attempted first degree murder, aggravated assault and battery, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Camacho noted that, according to the testimony of police detective Simon Manacop, even as Claassens was already on the ground, Mathewson pushed the fishing spear rod through his neck until it came out in his mouth.

The judge said there was also the statement of Claassens' son, who saw Mathewson continue to hit the victim with a chain and a big pot on the head.

The doctor suffered serious injuries as a result of the assault.

Chief Prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas called to the witness stand Manacop, who narrated to the court how Claassens was attacked by Mathewson in the backyard of the doctor's house in Teneto Village on the morn-

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data collection," Sound said.

The next phase of the survey, which is data analysis, will now continue throughout April. "By May, we can come up with the figures," he said, referring to the actual prevailing wage rate.

The survey, which was funded by the U.S. Interior Department's Office of Insular Affairs, follows a time frame from July 2014 to Sept. 30, 2016.

"The deadline is still manageable," Sound earlier said.

In March, the department re-

ported a completion rate of 88 percent, as field survey teams continue using traditional survey forms as well as online questionnaires.

The wage survey was started on Jan. 12.

The prevailing wage survey is needed to enable local businesses to successfully petition H-1 visas for their employees.

Among the questions that were asked in the survey relate to job descriptions, the going rate for that job, and the type of benefits received by the employee of that certain job.

Business impact

Lauri Ogumoro is Karidat executive director

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CORRESPONDENT

Former Karidat board president Lauri Ogumoro is Karidat's new executive director. Her first order of business is to conduct a diocesanwide food drive to restock the shelves of the Karidat Food Pantry.

"Currently the shelves are bare," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

2 infrastructure improvement bills head to Inos

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation has passed two bills that will soon be transmitted to the Office of the Governor for signing.

House Local Bills 19-07 and 19-08 were passed by unanimous vote, after a thorough discussion at the House chamber on Capital Hill yesterday.

Delegation chair Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) presided over the session.

"These approved bills will be directly transmitted to the Office of Governor for signing," Sablan said after the session adjourned.

H.L.B 19-07 seeks to appropriate \$40,000 in revenues generated from pachinko and poker license fees collected on Saipan.

NMIS to host 2nd Sportsfest, Family Fun Fair

The Northern Marianas International School will hold its 2nd Annual Sportsfest and Family Fun Fair this Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Oleai Sports Complex.

NMIS vice principal Jener Pineda said the main objective of this fun-filled event is to promote sportsmanship and camaraderie amongst teachers, staff, parents, and students.

NMIS Sports Week will last from April 13 to 17, 2015. All students, teachers, and staff were divided into four teams: Blue Shark Rangers, Green Lanterns, Red Warriors, and Yellow Eagles. Badminton and basketball competitions will be done in the NMIS playground, while the chess tournament will be in the school cafeteria.

The culmination activity of this momentous event will be on April 18. There will be a traditional parade of all the team members to be followed by the lighting of torch and raising of banners. Other events such as track and field 100m dash, 150m, 200m, 300m, relay, sack race, over-under, tug of war, and cheer dance will follow.

One of the highlights of this event is the coronation of Mr. and Ms. Sportsfest. Official candidates are as follows:

■ Blue Shark Rangers: Dianne Maxene Melchor and Brian Matthew Apasan;

■ Green Lanterns: Euanne Kyra Claveria and Robi Jan Magat;

■ Red Warriors: Mikaela

In addition to this, Ogumoro hopes to finally demolish the existing office building and reconstruct a new office on the same site, as their current office has been deemed unsafe.

"This will take time and funding so we are in the process of getting architectural designs for the building, identifying funds for rebuilding, and rental funds for temporary

Some changes were made on H.L.B 19-07, including the allocation of the funds to certain projects by the Department of Public Works, which will also be the expenditure authority.

Some areas of improvement include Alageta Road, Kannat Tabla, San Vicente, and Kagman.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Francis S. Taimanao (Ind-Saipan).

H.L.B 19-08 also seeks to appropriate \$40,000 to improve Dandan Middle School, San Antonio Elementary School, and Koblerville Elementary School. DPW is also the expenditure authority.

This bill was introduced by Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan). (*Joel D. Pinaroc*)

Louise Vergara and Clint Irang;

■ Yellow Eagles: Patricia Lugu and Dindo Ferrer Jr.

There will also be a basketball exhibition game between the parents and staff in the afternoon, to be followed by the awarding ceremony to conclude the event. (*NMIS*)

office space," she said.

Ogumoro assumes the position with years of community involvement under her belt.

Prior to working for Karidat, she worked as a medical social worker at the Commonwealth Health Center for 20 years. Ogumoro is also passionate about preventing cancer and caring for affected families as she sits on the Commonwealth Cancer As-

sociation board.

The Kristo Rai parishioner is no stranger to the non-profit organization either.



Ogumoro

Bishop emeritus Tomas Camacho appointed her to the board in the early 1990's. Since then, she has lived a life dedicated to serving others.

After resigning from the board, she became the manager of Karidat's Guma' Esperansa, a shelter for victims

of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and human trafficking, for 12 years.

Even with her years of experience in organizations like Karidat, Ogumoro is not ignorant of the critical issues facing the program.

"The biggest challenge and goal for Karidat is finding funding to enhance our current programs and develop new ones," she explained. "My personal goal for Karidat is to work hard to write the grants to get the funding we need to

enhance our mission of caring for individuals, families, and our community."

Ogumoro remains thankful to the volunteers who assist in spring-cleaning, canned food and toy drives, and special projects.

"We truly appreciate those that take the time to volunteer, we also welcome anyone who wants to volunteer."

With just 14 staff, she vows to care for the "least of our brothers," through advocacy, empowerment, and justice.

Karidat was founded on May 5, 1980, by then Monsignor Tomas A. Camacho. Karidat will turn 35 years old this year.



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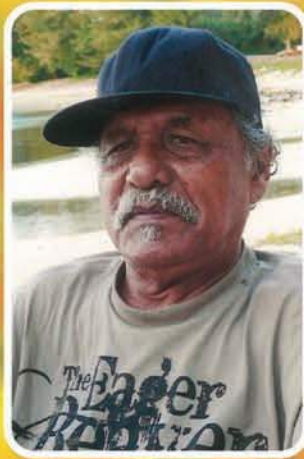
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34th Flame Tree Arts Festival to remember past artists

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

As the flame trees begin to blossom this April, the Flame Tree Arts Festival will once again celebrate the rich art of

4 arrested on Tinian for various alleged offenses

Police arrested four persons on Tinian on Friday and Monday for allegedly committing separate offenses.

Arrested were Christopher Boki Evangelista, 52; Elaine Doris Mendiola Pangelinan, 38; Jose B. Manglona Jr., 39; and Maheshwori Adhikari King, 34.

Evangelista and Pangelinan were apprehended on charges of conspiracy to commit theft and conspiracy to commit burglary.

It's not clear yet whether a third co-defendant who was charged with burglary and theft has already been arrested.

Manglona was arrested for burglary, theft, and criminal mischief.

King was arrested for child abuse.

Evangelista and Pangelinan were taken to Superior Court on Monday, while Manglona and King were brought to court yesterday.

Bail was set at \$5,000 cash each for Evangelista and Pangelinan.

Manglona's bail was set at \$25,000 cash, while King's was set at \$5,000 cash.

island cultures when it opens next Thursday.

In its 34th year, Commonwealth Council of Arts and Culture executive director Angel Hocog would also like to remember the handful of artists

Police detective Shawn Lee SN. Borja stated in his report that police received a call on March 28, 2015, about a burglary case at Island Store. Police learned that 125 cartons of cigarettes worth about \$4,000 were stolen.

Borja said their investigation led to the identification of Evangelista and Pangelinan, who along with a third co-defendant, allegedly conspired to sell cartons of stolen cigarettes at various stores on the island.

The third person was charged with burglary and theft, but *Saipan Tribune* opted to withhold the defendant's name because it's not clear yet whether the person has already been arrested.

In Manglona's case, police said the suspect stole several items that were on a boat at a house in Marpo Valley last Jan. 27. The items stolen were a fire extinguisher, tools, socket, socket wrench, four life jackets, flair gun kit, slipper, rod and reel, scuba mask, and a snorkel.

Manglona was also allegedly behind the burglary at Flem-

ing Hotel last Dec. 26, where five flat screen TVs were stolen from four rooms.

Borja said Manglona confessed to the Fleming Hotel burglary in an interview last week.

In King's case, police detective Barbara K. Arend stated in her report that King allegedly threw her minor child to the floor on Sunday. Medics transported the child to Tinian Health Center for check up and observation. The child was later discharged. The report did say how old the baby is.

King's husband told police that when he came home with his cousin on Sunday at 11:20pm, his baby was crying and his wife was not there.

The husband picked up the baby for her to stop crying. When she stopped crying, his cousin carried the baby. King arrived and took the baby. She, however, allegedly dropped the baby on the floor, causing the child to cry.

The husband asked King why she dropped the baby, but she did not answer. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

are gone, their memories will live through their legacy in arts and craft."

Hocog remembers Ignacio C. Borja, whom he called a traditional craftsman. The council also remembers Rosa T. Castro, a performing artist in traditional dance, and Torcuato M. Cuastro, whose talent was in drawing.

William I. Macaranas was a "strong advocate of the culture," particularly in the indigenous languages of Chamorro and Carolinian, he added.

Abel Pellegrino, another art-

ist who passed away since the last festival, participated as an entertainer. He sang and played guitar. And Josepha I. Teregeyo was a craftswoman in beads and *mwar-mwars*.

To highlight local artists next week, the festival will also hold 5th Annual CNMI Art Competition. Bridge Capital is sponsoring this year's competition with over \$13,000 in cash prizes.

Competition categories are Best of Show, Paintings, Wood Carving and Others, Photography, Texter's Choice Award, Governor's Choice Award, and

Best New Artist.

Entries will be showcased at the Susupe basketball court and competition winners will be announced on stage during the festival.

About 50 vendors are expected to participate in this year's festival. Hocog said 40 of these are artists and 10 are food vendors.

Hocog said invitations were also sent to regional artists but all of them declined as they have chosen to prepare funds for the Festival of Pacific Arts in Guam next year.

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Live to Learn Live to Love Live to Give

Chaminade science outreach program reaches GCA

»GCA students taught how to be young scientists

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Grace Christian Academy students recently had some fun learning about how germs spread quickly and easily.

Johnny Aldan, a recent biology graduate from Chaminade University in Hawaii, showed them how through several science exercises on Monday.

Aldan shared lessons from the "I Am a Scientist," or IAS, a science outreach program offered by Chaminade University. Researchers, faculty, post-doctorate, graduate and undergraduate students travel to Hawaii's elementary schools to promote S.T.E.M. education throughout the year.

"This program is a big program out in Honolulu," Aldan told *Saipan Tribune*. "We have served over 4,000 students to date. This is the first time the program has left Hawaii and come to another Pacific island."

The U.S. Air Force Research Laboratories and Chaminade University sponsor the pro-

gram. It began in 2009.

Aldan wowed about 41 GCA students on Monday, many of whom were excited to be affected by a "germ."

Students were given tubes of water that when passed around each other would get hints of sodium hydroxide, or the "pretend germ" in the exercise. This would react with a chemical that turned the germ and the tube of water into different shades of pink.

Aldan had students line up into a "human bar graph," made of three lines for "light, medium, or dark" germ.

"It's a way to teach students how germs spread and how easily they are spread among people," Aldan explained, so that students are "more mindful of their surroundings and how they act around people when they are sick."

Aldan, who is visiting family on Saipan, volunteered to showcase the program.

He added that they also do other modules. Monday's was called "Germs on Me." Another



Johnny Aldan, a recent biology graduate from Chaminade University in Hawaii, shows Grace Christian Academy elementary students how germs spread quickly and easily.

DENNIS B. CHAN

module they do is "How Sweet It Is." This module teaches students how to read nutrition labels on soda cans.

"We actually weight out the grams of sugar in the bottle. We

get to see the difference between the actual can and the sugar that is in the can. It actually freaks them [students] out most of the time," he said.

"It works for kids," he added.

Aldan was motivated to share the program with the students because there were not many science showcases on island when he grew up. "We mostly stuck to our text-

books," he said. He got to see it firsthand when he got to Hawaii, he said, adding that the program has been on an upward trend since they started.

"I wanted to do this as a pilot [class] for Saipan. I was very thankful that GCA got me to come in," he said, adding that he is open to invitations from other schools.

"The program is a hundred percent free," he said. "I wanted to do it here on Saipan to show-

case to teachers here, so if they can spread the word out so

hopefully [the Northern Marianas College] can start" a similar program, he said.

NMC assisted Monday's event with three nursing students to help the presentation.

17th Annual Taste of the Marianas this May

»Last year to use yellow tokens

The 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden will be held every Saturday evening on Saipan during May 2015 in celebration of Tourism Month.

The Marianas Visitors Authority has confirmed 15 vendors for the event at American Memorial Park, which features international cuisine at afford-

able prices from local hotels and restaurant vendors, non-stop live entertainment on the main stage, nightly contests on the secondary stage, and arts and crafts sales. The festival will be held from 6pm to 10pm each Saturday (closing at 11pm on the final night).

"Taste of the Marianas will return again in May with the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Patrons are encouraged to spend their yellow \$1 tokens at the 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas in May 2015. Yellow tokens are being taken out of circulation and will not be accepted after this year's festival.

same great food and excitement," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "We're looking forward to welcoming visitors and residents, alike, for this annual celebration of tourism, our most important industry here in the Northern Marianas."

This will also be the last year to use the yellow \$1 tokens, which began being phased out last year for accounting purposes. The old yellow token is being replaced with the new green \$1 token.

"This will be the last year to use yellow \$1 tokens at the Taste of the Marianas," said Duenas. "Patrons are encouraged to use all their yellow tokens with their purchases throughout the month. On the same note, at the token booth this year we will be issuing only the new \$1 green tokens and the continuing \$2 blue tokens."

Participating vendors

will be Canton Restaurant, Coral Ocean Point Resort, D'Elegance Café, Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, Furusato Restaurant, Herman's Modern Bakery, Hula Girl, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Sierra's Pearl Shake, Thai House Restaurant, Tony Roma's/Capricciosa, and Tropical Chill.

May Tourism Month will also be marked by the semi-annual Tourism Industry Cleanup led by Japan Saipan Travel Association on April 29, 2015, before Japan's Golden Week holiday and an official proclamation of the month by Gov. Eloy S. Inos on the same day. Residents are also encouraged to show their support by observing "Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit" Islandwear Fridays and trying their luck with Tourism Trivia at participating radio stations. (MVA)

**Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP15-DOC-064

Preparation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy For the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands (Funded by the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce)

RFP SUBMISSION: MAY 11, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME or e-mail to procurement@pticom.com

The RFP package will be available on or after **April 01, 2015** at the Office of the Secretary of Commerce or online website page at www.commerce.gov.mp.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference is scheduled for **10:00 a.m., local time, April 17, 2015** at the Commonwealth Development Authority located in San Jose Village, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions concerning this RFP are due no later than the close of business, **April 22, 2015** and shall be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary of Commerce at facsimile number (670) 664-3067 or email to ceds@commerce.gov.mp.

Responses to questions will be sent to all registered prospective proposers no later than the close of business, **April 30, 2015**.

The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government.

/s/ MARK O. RABULIMAN
Secretary of Commerce

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement and Supply

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Zoning Planner

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Zoning Planner. This is a full-time position on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Duties and Responsibilities: Manage complex permit applications including pre-application consultations, application intake, review for compliance, assuring compliance with timelines and public notice requirements, coordinating interagency consultations, and preparation of project recommendations and reports as assigned by the Administrator; Prepare recommended updates to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Zoning Law, Zoning Board regulations, and zoning office guidelines; Coordinate, as appropriate, with other agencies and secure project reviews and recommendations; Identify and seek resolution of interdepartmental concerns; Educate and inform the public and applicants about the Saipan Zoning Law and related permit requirements and procedures; Maintain records using paper and electronic media and a Geographic Information System; Perform other duties as assigned.

Minimum Requirements: Graduation from an accredited four year college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in engineering, architecture, urban planning, environmental science, geography, economics, political science, natural science, business administration, or related field, plus a minimum of 4 years of experience in any combination of land use planning, zoning, or related field. Other requirements include proficiency with office software including MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Outlook Explorer.

The salary range is \$40,000, commensurate with qualifications and experience. Health, life, and retirement benefits are provided. Information about the Zoning Board and the Zoning Office may be viewed at the Zoning Board website: www.zoning.gov.mp. Application submittals should be addressed to Therese T. Ogumoro, Zoning Administrator. Submittals may be sent via e-mail, FAX, U.S. mail, or hand delivered to the address below. Submittals must include a letter of interest, a CNMI Application for Employment, and a resume. The Application for Employment may be downloaded from the publications page of the Zoning Board website. Applicants must be US citizens, permanent residents or immediate relatives. Send submittals to: E-mail: Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp. FAX: 670-234-9666. US Mail: Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 USA. Hand Delivery: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

The deadline to receive application and all requirements is April 21st, at 4:30pm.

**TINIAN CASINO GAMING
CONTROL COMMISSION**
 Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹
- III. REPORTS
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Management of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
 - b. Licensing Matters
 1. Casino Key Employee License Applications
 2. Casino Employee License Applications
 3. Hotel Registrations
 4. Casino Service Industry License Applications
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION²
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

¹ Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
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In The Matter Of) FCD-AD-CIVIL
The Adoption Of:) ACTION
Sofia Espinosa) NO. 15-0174
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Minor Child) **NOTICE OF
HEARING**
By:)
Eric Michael Radakovitz)
Petitioner)

Notice is hereby given that the
above-entitled matter is set for a hearing
on May 18, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in
Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable
Judge Govendo.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2015.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court



Twins Supermarket donates \$5,000 to NMC Foundation

Twins Supermarket general manager Stacy Wang, second from right, and Lucas Cao, far right, present a \$5,000 check donation to the 12th Annual NMC Foundation Golf tournament planning committee members.

Twins Supermarket recently donated \$5,000 to the Northern Marianas College Foundation in support of the upcoming 12th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament scheduled for this Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort.

"We are proud and committed to support the NMC Foundation's efforts to expand educational opportunities for students," said Twins Supermarket general manager Stacy Wang.

The NMC Foundation is composed of community volunteers committed to the advance-

ment of opportunities in support of higher education for people in the CNMI. The golf tournament is the NMC Foundation's signature event that raises funds to support NMC's academic programs and services.

The golf tournament will be held at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort (west course) with a shotgun start at 7am and will follow a medal play format. There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, Seniors, and Ladies.

The entrance fee is \$95 per player. Payments for the

entrance fee can be made at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, and the NMC Cashier.

Tournament prizes for first, second, and third place for each of the six flights include cash. Hole-in-one prizes include a \$10,000 donated by Marianas Insurance, a \$5,000 donated by Pacifica Insurance, and two roundtrip tickets to Japan sponsored by Delta Air Lines.

For more information on how to donate to the NMC Foundation or to register to play, log on to www.marianas.edu or call 234-5498 6764 or 6840. (NMC)

Court dismisses DPS court action in ex-cop's appeal of his termination

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman granted Monday terminated police officer Flor Estabillo's motion to dismiss the Department of Public Safety's court action over his appeal.

Wiseman ruled that the court is not persuaded by DPS' argument that the Civil Service Commission's Aug. 11, 2014, ruling on jurisdiction created a legal right in DPS to perform under the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code.

Wiseman said the court does not find that CSC's Aug. 11 order was a final agency action under the Commonwealth Administrative Procedure Act as a matter of law.

The Aug. 11 order refers to CSC's ruling that denied DPS' motion to dismiss Estabillo's appeal based on lack of jurisdiction.

Wiseman also determined that DPS' petition for judicial review does not plead sufficient facts to show that the underlying agency action was a final agency action as defined in the

Commonwealth Administrative Procedure Act.

According to court records, Estabillo appealed with CSC the decision by DPS to terminate him on June 4, 2014, for unlawful possession of controlled substances and for other reasons.

DPS, through the Office of the Attorney General, moved to dismiss the appeal, asserting that CSC has no jurisdiction over Estabillo's termination.

CSC, however, disagreed, saying it has jurisdiction in the matter. The commission denied DPS' motion to dismiss Estabillo's appeal.

This prompted DPS to bring the issue to Superior Court by filing a petition for judicial review. DPS asked the court reverse the commission's finding that it had jurisdiction over Estabillo's appeal.

In a motion to dismiss DPS' petition for judicial review, Estabillo, through counsel Brien Sers Nicholas, argued that the court does not have jurisdiction to rule on the merits of DPS' petition because the commission's Aug. 11, 2014 order asserting jurisdiction

was not final agency action.

Nicholas also argued that DPS failed to exhaust its administrative remedies.

In granting Estabillo's motion to dismiss, Wiseman said no language in the relevant sections of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code would inform the court that, if DPS' allegations of fact were true, it would lead to the legal conclusion that the commission's Aug. 11, 2014, ruling on jurisdiction was a statement of the agency's final position on the legal rights of the parties.

Wiseman said NMIAC provides that "the commission shall render its findings of fact and final decision in writing with service on all parties."

"Accordingly, until the commission issues the referenced final decision, the commission's ruling is tentative or interlocutory," the judge said.

In fact, Wiseman noted, the commission's Aug. 11, 2014, ruling on jurisdiction appears to be made without prejudice, giving more weight to the tentative or interlocutory nature of the order.

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EDITORIAL

The taxman cometh

Today marks the last day to file income tax unless one asks for an extension. The popular saying that there are only two certainties in life—death and taxes—is often used disparagingly against a government. It is true that whether one calls it “tax,” the cost of public social services are usually borne by fees and revenues collected on the basis of rules and laws promulgated by a body, elected like in a democracy, or self-declared sovereign like that of a royalty.

There are those in society who defer from paying taxes, or try to find as many loopholes as possible to lower the attrition on income so much so that the effort has become organized and professional. “Tax havens” is not a pejorative term, once used to characterize CNMI’s revenue collection, but it does reflect one’s allegiance to a government entity reflected in the willingness to pay one’s share in the upkeep of general wellbeing.

Ours is a government that levies fees on many levels. The federal government takes care of foreign affairs and defense, with appropriation from Congress approving Executive Branch budgets. State governments deal with domestic issues of law and order, public education, health and welfare, practice policies that devolve process from the state to the local, and deciding on sales tax and other revenues to support its functions. Local bodies as counties, cities, and municipalities attend to infrastructure that enables the safety of neighborhoods and streets, and the ease of mobility and communication.

The assignment of tasks and revenue collection is not always clear, as when the federal government dangle incentives for state and local boards to adopt certain political policies like desegregation and gender equality in governance of the last century.

The CNMI heretofore had been spared the burden of supporting federal budgets and participating in deciding the appropriation of government funds save by a token representative in Congress. We made that choice when we covenanted with the constitutional governance of these islands under the flag of the United States of America.

So the image of the Commonwealth as where one can get away from federal obligation is best to be relegated to the past, and the CNMI start behaving like a partner in the defense and sustainable use of these islands from the interest of its residents rather than the program requirements of that five-sided building by the Potomac.

DoD’s projected use of NMI geography is laid out in plans available in hard documents and in digitized formats for CNMI residents to peruse. We have no call on the plans if we do not participate in shouldering the cost.

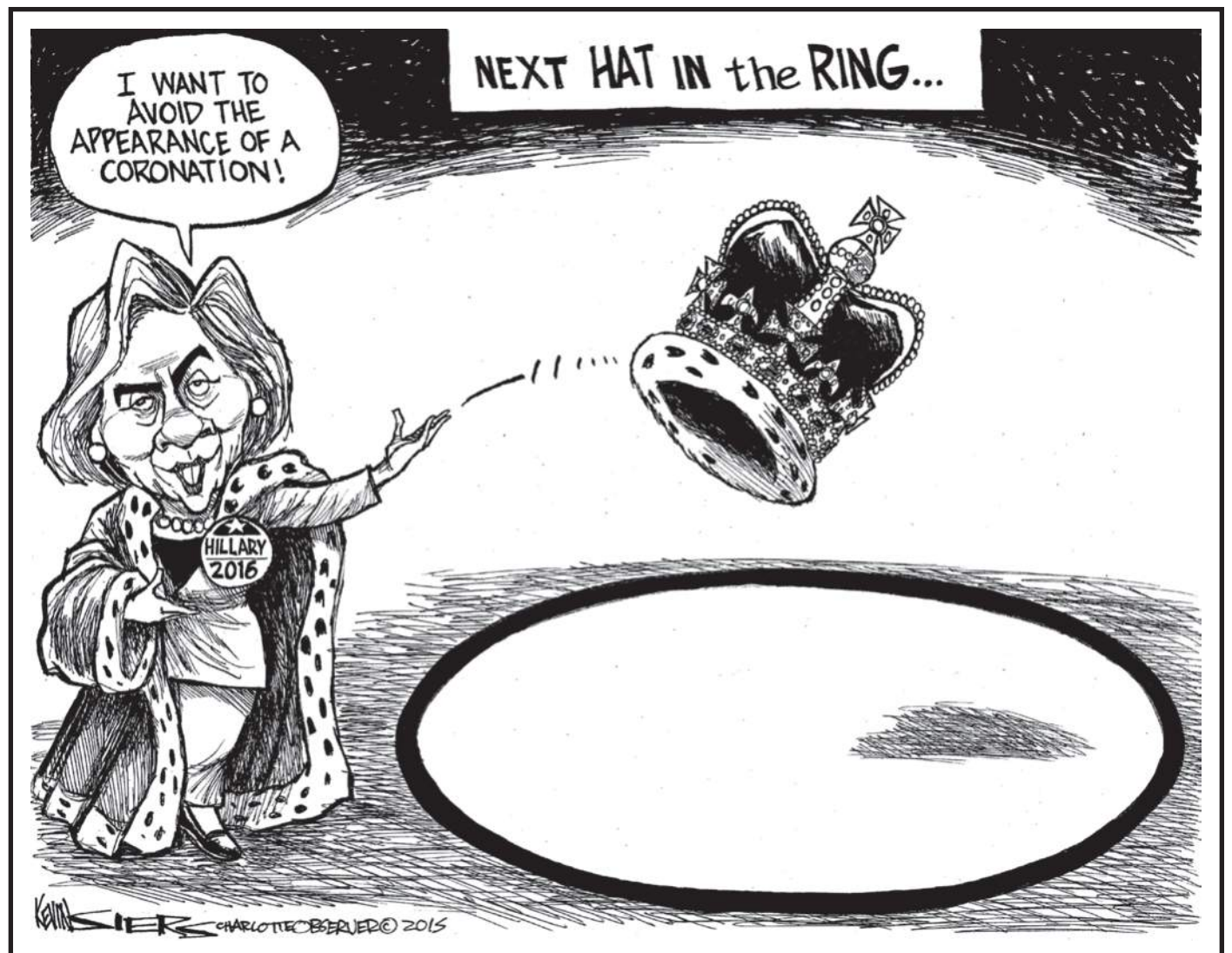
April 15 makes this challenge on our authentic participation.

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Too many cancer patients forced to make harrowing choice: death or financial ruin

For too many cancer patients in our broken system, treatment comes down to a harrowing choice: death or financial ruin.

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After death of Walter Scott, why are we still shocked?

By PAUL C. TAYLOR
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Once again, an unarmed black man—Walter Scott—has been killed under suspicious circumstances by a white police officer. Once again, we know about this not because the police themselves brought it to light, but because an enterprising bystander in North Charleston, S.C., trained his phone’s camera on the action and concerned citizens insisted that we pay attention. And once again, we greet this news with shock and disbelief.

But why are we still shocked?

The killings of Trayvon Martin, Aiyana Stanley-Jones, Eric Garner and Michael Brown, terrible as they were, had at least one silver lining. They ushered into the light of mainstream attention a set of issues that black and brown people have been wrestling with for years.

Ever since the United States repudiated its official racism and formally embraced residents of all backgrounds as its citizens, black and brown people have walked a fine and emotionally fraught line. This line is especially clear to black parents. We teach our children to respect the law, to focus on its potential as a shield against oppression and as an emblem of democratic possibilities. But we also teach them suspicion, to steel them against the ever-present possibility that the agents of the law will squander its potential and brutalize the people they are sworn to protect.

We have always walked this line, but only recently have we done it in full view of the entire nation.

After the civil rights movement and hip-hop culture, after Oprah and the Obamas, black life sits more comfortably at the center of the American mainstream than ever before. And now, with 24-hour news cycles, ever-present cameras, and always-vibrant social media feeds, the anxieties, controversies and concerns that roil black communities can get everyone’s attention more easily than ever before.

So why, after everything we’ve heard recently, are we still shocked?

We know about the racial disparities in police surveillance, in arrests, in sentencing. We know about the communities that, like Ferguson and North Charleston, are populated mostly by black people but policed and run mostly by white people. We know that communities like this are vulnerable to dehumanizing treatment—to being treated as ATMs by revenue-hungry municipalities, and as bull’s-eyes and punching bags by over-militarized security forces.

If we know all that, how is it that this latest tragic encounter still scandalizes us? We should be outraged, to be sure. But we should not be stunned.

We continue to be astonished in part because of the way we think about morals in social life.

First, Americans are skeptical of black and brown testimony. The things that we now know, after Trayvon and the others, are things that we could have and should have known long ago. What was happening in Ferguson was no secret. But we have a long history of ignoring the experiences of our problem people. So even now, we still can’t quite believe that things are as bad as “those people” say.

Second, we are not skeptical enough when it comes to our public safety officers. We want to believe that they are all virtuous and pure, and that none of them would do the bad things that people in targeted communities say they do.

Third, we want our moral lives to be simple. We want villains and heroes, rather than the complex characters that all of us actually are. Instead of accepting that otherwise good people sometimes do bad things, we see that the accused is not a monster—Officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson looked like a nice, normal person—and take that as evidence that he could not be the agent of culpable wrongdoing.

More than this, we want solitary villains and heroes. We want Batman, toiling alone against evil, and the Joker, acting out his private resentments and desires. This bias makes it harder to see that we’ve set up systems that encourage and excuse bad behavior and that make this behavior harder to discern and discourage.

Put all of these factors together, and the struggle against race-related state violence becomes a game of whack-a-mole. We wait for an incident to flare up, we beat it down, and we wait for the next one.

In 1963, James Baldwin wrote that the crime of American democracy was that it didn’t know, and didn’t want to know, how its racism was destroying people. This false innocence was the main target of his book, “The Fire Next Time,” and it remains a factor in the fires this time, in the upheavals in Ferguson and North Charleston.

We don’t want to know how our approaches to policing and our ideas about crime and criminals turn certain of our communities into tinderboxes awaiting the match. If we wanted to know, we would keep good records about apparent bias in police-involved killings, and we would empower civilian review boards.

We would, above all, let go of our astonishment, so that we can anticipate the next shooting—because there will be one—and try to prevent it.

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Council of Inatuas

It's known as the "clique" or "Inatuas," an elite group that controls everything on the islands. I mean there's nothing too small for what this group could do on a daily basis. It has already left its filthy tracks dictating the political landscape of the islands.

The democratic process is now measured by a different standard—depth of your pocket—not necessarily the will of the people. And the Inatuas are at the forefront chaperoned by well-suited generous donors. It started last November availing of utility vouchers a day before the election.

To illustrate its strength, let's say you're looking for a friend in Tanapag. You walk around in the dark drenched by heavy rain. Suddenly, there appears your friend's house at a corner. The boys know you're coming and placed it there. They'd move it back later at night after you've gone. This is the rumored strength of the bunch.

The troops meet Friday nights on Mañagaha, you know, a pleasantry sipping expensive French red wine and Kobe beef sizzling on the grill. What greater sight looking inland where ordinary folks struggle daily to place decent meals on the table. Does the bunch know they've created situational poverty for the folks they stare at from afar?

I like the sharp elbowing where they boast being fishermen at some point back then. But each is fatally fearful dipping his feet in shallow waters along the shore. It's the nouvelle dictators! Interestingly, deep in their subconscious is a flicker of light that may be inconsequential for now but destined to implode and level everything instantly. It bothers them from A-Z!

There's conscious consensus to suffocate the local economy until "every grain of sand belongs to us." Resembles the tenor of a colonial master's agenda who cares less of the views of the indigenous people. If you look closely, this scheme is almost a perfect design

of more than a decade ago to slide casino into a people by slowly forcing them into destitution. It's working but the public sentiment has steadily shifted too!

Our very own guys and gals who've sold the company store venom the stealthy condescending attitude and group unity. And they're loving the money trickling into their deep pockets. Do the guys and gals know that there's nothing under the sun they could hide? Would they eventually join the new parade to "negotiate" their way from the wraths of indecisions?

More real estate purchases

Since the advent of casino here, there also emerged wild real estate purchases made by locals fronting for rich friends in servility. What's wrong with these purchases?

There's the open violation of Article 12 via the use of locals to buy land for some rich investor. In the process, we've even seen a fictitious indigenous name used consistently in every other transaction. The interesting point is whether there in fact exists such a person or is it a pull out of the hat name? Ai, shift the names to Tan Maria, Tun Jose, etc.

It must be their lucrative commission as to blatantly violate constitutional prohibition. And even if I disagree with it (Article 12) do I really have a choice when it still is the law of the land?

'Thanks for the Medicaid'

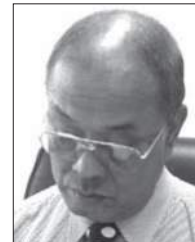
As an established musician, I'd slide into music of yesteryears to listen to meaningful lyrics focusing on personal experiences that convey a certain journey in heartfelt fashion.

I'd gauge events as they unfold and situational issues that have evolved into living room furniture. These conditions are now at the village level. I relish the exercise of staying at

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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ground level. It's here where you unmistakably hear the true sentiments of our people.

Now we hear irrelevant politicians spouting for a new political status commission, oblivious that the act of self-determination was done in the early '70s. This as the quiet and dignified indigenous people intone, "Thanks for the Medicaid and food stamps..." They are saying how fortunate they are that Uncle Sam's around to spread some help to nearly 40,000 Medicaid recipients, 16,000 with NAP, and housing recipients.

No wonder Magoo would shake his head in complete disgust. "Why are these guys toying with our lives doing nonsensical stuff when the obvious is right under their nose?" We plan to visit the Legislature for some very insightful discussion, if not fodder for more comedy materials.

Caveat: Thousands of taxpayers' dollars have been spent going after impeached former governor Benigno R. Fitial for alleged obstruction of justice. It has devolved into negotiations. Would others be allowed the same privilege? Or is this negotiated deal solely reserved for the politically powerful? This sets a bad precedent on the legal image of the NMI!

50 years after Selma, Americans in US territories cannot vote

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In his speech last month commemorating the 50th anniversary of the civil-rights marches from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., President Obama described the right to vote as the "foundation stone of our democracy." For Americans living in the U.S. territories, these stirring words ring hollow.

Nearly 4 million Americans call Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa home—a combined population greater than 22 states.

We represent those Americans in the U.S. House, but cannot vote for their interests on the House floor. Our constituents are denied representation in the U.S. Senate. And they are barred from the general election for president and vice president.

Thus, when the presidential vote is tabulated in 2016, it will be as if the 4 million Americans we represent do not exist.

There is a time, however, when our people are counted: when the country goes to war.

Historically, the territories have had among the highest rates of military service in the nation. Our constituents have deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq more than 30,000 times since Sept. 11, 2001, and about 120,000 military veterans live in the territories. Yet none are allowed to cast a ballot to choose their commander-in-chief.

The president's speech reminded Americans in the territories of our unequal status, but it also gave us reason for hope. As Obama said: "If Selma taught us anything, it's that our work is

never done—the American experiment in self-government gives work and purpose to each generation."

What, then, needs to be done? In the largest territory, Puerto Rico, many aspire to become the 51st state. In a 2012 referendum sponsored by the Puerto Rico government, island voters made clear that they do not want Puerto Rico to remain a territory, and they expressed a preference for statehood.

In response, Congress allocated \$2.5 million so that Puerto Rico can hold the first federally authorized vote on its political status since becoming a U.S. territory in 1898. If a majority of the electorate in Puerto Rico confirms its desire for statehood in this vote, the federal government should honor that choice. For Puerto Rico to become a state, Congress must approve—and the president must sign—legislation providing for the territory's admission.

Statehood would provide residents of Puerto Rico with the right to vote for president and vice president, as well as for two U.S. senators and—based on Puerto Rico's current population—five voting members in the U.S. House. It would also ensure Puerto Rico's equal treatment under all federal spending and tax programs.

Short of statehood, extending voting rights to residents of the territories would require an amendment to the Constitution. There is precedent for such action. In 1961, the 23rd Amendment was ratified, granting the presidential vote to residents of the District of Columbia.

The effort to secure voting rights is not rooted in partisanship. Our constituents are swing voters. Guam and American Samoa each currently have a governor and a congressional

delegate from different parties. The governor of the Northern Mariana Islands is a Republican; its delegate is an independent. In 2014, the U.S. Virgin Islands elected a Democratic delegate and an independent governor who previously ran as a Republican. Puerto Rico's governor is a Democrat; his predecessor was a Republican.

But the issue does have political significance. Although territory residents cannot vote in presidential elections, they can participate in primaries. Moreover, an estimated 5 million Americans living in the states have family ties to the territories. There are nearly 1 million Puerto Ricans in Florida alone, and they have been described as "the swing vote in the swing state." Thus, any 2016 presidential hopeful should expect to be asked whether he or she supports the right of U.S. citizens living in the territories to vote. And voters should listen carefully to how the candidates respond.

At heart, though, what we seek is above politics. It is an appeal to the principle of justice embodied in our nation's founding documents and baptized with blood at Saratoga, Shiloh and Selma.

As our congressional colleague and civil-rights icon John Lewis reminded us at the Selma anniversary: "There is still work left to be done." For Americans living in the territories, those words ring loud and clear.

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EDITORIAL

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Prescription drug costs for new cancer treatments are soaring at unsustainable rates, as Dallas Morning News reporter Jim Landers chronicled in a recent report. By 2020, the cost of specialty drugs for cancer and other diseases could reach \$400 billion a year, by some estimates, about \$100 billion more than the entire prescription drug industry today. New cancer drugs today can cost from several hundred to thousands of dollars monthly, price tags that even people with insurance often can't afford.

What good is a cancer drug if most Americans can't afford it? Making matters worse is that the same drugs in Europe or Canada often cost a fraction of that price. As Clifford Hudis, a leading cancer expert, told The Dallas Morning News: "We don't have a

functioning marketplace as regards cancer and drugs. One result is, everybody in this space is victimized."

Without serious reform, this problem and its impact on aging Americans is going to get dramatically worse. Cancer is the second-leading cause of death, behind only heart disease, and is heading rapidly toward the No. 1 spot. Worldwide, annual cancer cases are expected to rise over the next two decades from 14 million diagnoses to 22 million. This year, more than 1.8 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer.

Drug companies say they need to recoup research investments, which can run more than \$1.5 billion for successful treatments. That may be true, but the system also lacks transparent price competition. Medicare, the federal health insurance program, is prohibited from negotiating with the pharmaceutical industry over prices. And while many hospitals receive discounts on cancer drugs under Medicare






rules, they aren't required to share those discounts with patients. Also, it is illegal to import the same drug at a cheaper price from pharmacies overseas, although many people do it as a last resort.

Drug companies should expand special patient saving programs to reduce costs. Medicare rules should allow the government to negotiate better rates with drug companies. Cancer drugs also should be legally available from certified providers offshore. And, like most of the health care system, the cancer treatment infrastructure needs a dose of financial transparency.

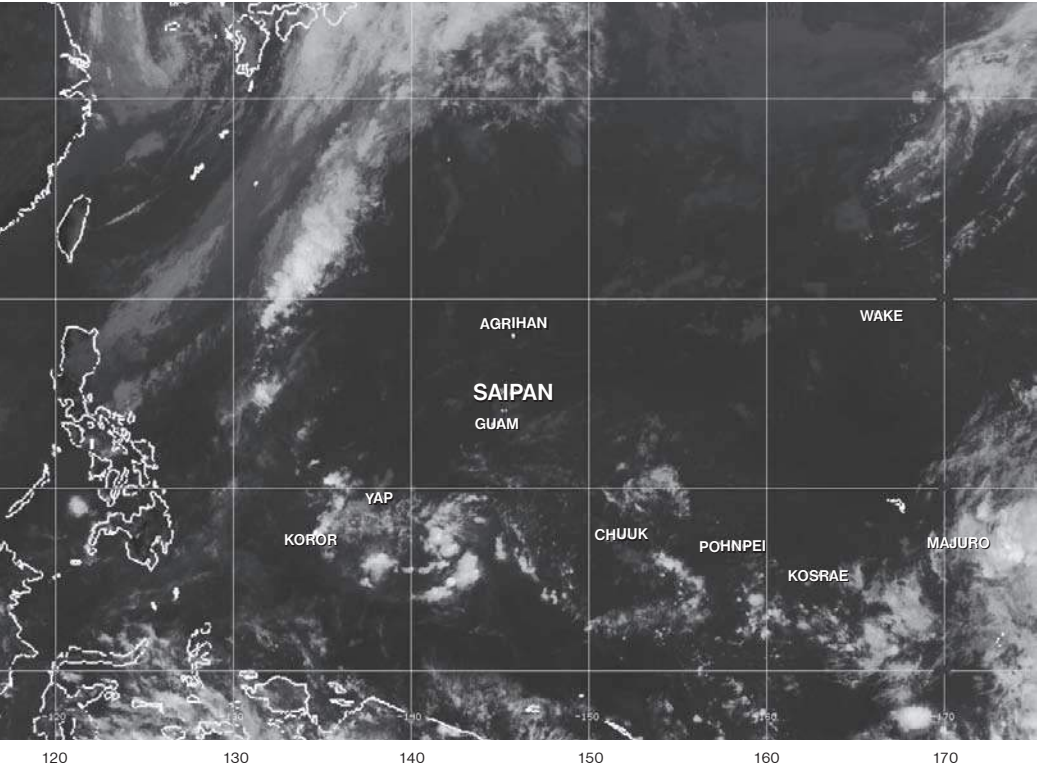
There will always be a tipping point in modern medicine at which patients are priced out of lifesaving medications, but there's so much more we can do to swing the pendulum back toward the benefit of patients. More and more lives are depending on it.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N136E to beyond 130E at 18N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring along and up to 350 miles northwest of the front between Okinawa and Iwo To Islands. A weak circulation is centered southeast of Yap near 7N141E. Isolated thunderstorms are present near Yap and east of Koror between 5N and 9N from 136E to 144E. A tropical disturbance is centered southwest of Majuro near 4N168E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over the Marshall Islands as well as Butaritari and Tarawa Atolls between 10N and the equator from 169E to the date line. Isolated thunderstorms are found farther to the west, southeast of Kosrae between the equator and 5N from 162E to 169E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 85	▼ 78
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 89	▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Sunny	▲ 72	▼ 58
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲ 70	▼ 43
Hong Kong	Showers	▲ 71	▼ 64
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82	▼ 69
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 56	▼ 41
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 75	▼ 55
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 92	▼ 73
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73	▼ 51
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86	▼ 73
New York	Sunny	▲ 62	▼ 43
Osaka	Showers	▲ 60	▼ 47
Paris	Showers	▲ 63	▼ 48
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 61	▼ 46
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65	▼ 48
Salem	Rain	▲ 55	▼ 38
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66	▼ 49
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 69	▼ 42
Tokyo	Rain	▲ 57	▼ 46
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 66	▼ 44



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Saipan Harbor			
5:57 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:05 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
5:34 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:04 AM	6:32 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:32 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:32 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:32 PM
Sunday	6:01 AM	6:32 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	2:52 AM	3:02A M
Thursday	3:43 AM	4:01 AM
Friday	4:32 AM	5:02 AM
Saturday	5:22 AM	6:02 PM
Sunday	6:12 AM	7:03 PM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
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OZ624/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

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OZ624/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
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UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
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NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
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OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5041	9:55pm	6:25pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA180/5043	9:55pm	10:10pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

TINIAN TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
ROTA TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Saipan dive shop pays five workers \$20K back wages

Seashore Saipan, a CNMI company that provides diving tours and dive instruction activities, has paid \$20,040 in back wages due to five employees for minimum wage and overtime violations under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

According to a U.S. Department of Labor statement, a Wage and Hour investigation found that divers were not paid required overtime pay for hours worked beyond 40 in a work week. Instead, they received flat salaries without regard to how many hours they had worked. The employer was also cited for recordkeeping violations when it failed to accurately track the hours worked of its divers.

"Method of compensation, such as a guaranteed salary, does not waive an employer's obligation to pay front line workers a half time premium for overtime hours worked," said Terence Trotter, the division's director in Honolulu, Hawaii. "Other workers paid in this manner should be aware that they may be due overtime."

The FLSA provides an exemption from both minimum wage and overtime pay requirements for individuals employed in bona fide executive, administrative, professional, and outside sales positions, as well as certain computer employees. Exempt employees generally must meet certain

tests regarding their job duties and must be paid on a salary basis at not less than \$455 per week. Job titles do not determine exempt status. In order for an exemption to apply, an employee's specific job duties and salary must meet all the requirements of the department's regulations. For more information, visit http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/fairpay/fs17a_overview.htm. For more information about federal wage laws administered by the Wage and Hour Division, call the agency's toll-free helpline at 866-4US-WAGE (487-9243). Information also is available at <http://www.dol.gov/whd>. (**USDOL**)



COMMUNITY SERVICE

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The Ayuyu Battalion conducted a community service cleanup on April 10, 2015. They scoured the streets in Kagman 3 from past Chacha Oceanview Middle School, down to Kagman Market and to Tank Beach. Many cadets participated and by the end of the day, about 500 lbs of various types of litter was picked up. Littering is illegal now and anyone who litters can face a maximum fine of \$500, but many people are still littering, and are completely ignoring the negative impact that littering has on the environment. The Ayuyu Battalion encourages the public to stop littering if you love our island and to help protect the wildlife for future generations to enjoy. As Woodsy the owl says, "Give a hoot and don't pollute!"

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CHC Dental Clinic closed on April 21

The Public Health Dental Clinic would like to inform the CNMI residents that the clinic will be closed on April 21, 2015, from 7:30am to 4:30pm. The dental clinic staff will be attending an Oral Cancer Health Forum conducted by the Commonwealth Cancer Association in collaboration with its partners. Dental clinic services will resume on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 7:30am to 4:30pm. In case of an emergency, proceed to the Commonwealth Health Center's Emergency Room or visit any of the private dental clinics. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. (**PR**)

KHS Cultural Day Carnival on April 24

Kagman High School will be

hosting a Cultural Day Carnival that will be open to the public on Friday, April 24, 2015, from 12pm to 3pm on campus. Come and join in on the festivities and food that the students have to offer as well as experience the different cultures that will be showcased in different ways. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun.

Parents and students who earned tickets at the Partners In Print events held at KHS this year can bring their tickets and play some carnival games for free!

This annual event is sponsored by the KHS Student Council. (**KHS**)

Jury selection on Monday is cancelled

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panel "14JS" that the jury selection scheduled

for Monday, April 20, 2015, at 8:30am in Courtroom 223A is hereby cancelled until further notice. For more information, contact deputy clerk Daisy Mendiola at the Superior Court at telephone no. 236-9769. (**PR**)

San Antonio Middle School to issue report cards

San Antonio Middle School will distribute the 3rd quarter report cards to parents and guardians on Friday, April 17, 2015, from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. Students will be dismissed at 12pm. The half-day session will allow all parents and guardians the opportunity to speak to their child's teachers. We highly encourage all parents and guardians to take an hour out of their busy schedule to meet and discuss the progress of your child with their teachers. (**PR**)



UNITED STATES Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold its 4th Quarter General Membership Meeting on April 16, 2015, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Caladium Hall.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – February 13, 2015
- V. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Ratification/Approval of Renewal of the Commonwealth Respite Service Program (CRSP) MOA between CDD and Ayuda Network, Inc.
 - b. Ratification/Approval of the Amendment of FY 2015 CRSP Budget
 - c. Ratification/Approval of Proposed State Plan Amendments for DD Basic Grant Program for FY 2015 and FY 2016
 - d. Ratification/Approval of the Amendment of FY 2015 Budget for DD Basic Grant
- VI. REPORT
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Executive Director
 - c. Fiscal Committee Chairperson
 - d. State Plan Committee Chairperson
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. March 2015 DD Awareness Month
 - b. Resource Directory
 - c. Disability Watch Newsletter
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Autism Awareness Month
 - b. 2017 – 2021 DD Basic Grant Five Year State Plan Focus Group Meetings and Surveys
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- XII. MISCELLANEOUS
- XIII. NEXT MEETING
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ Thomas J. Camacho
Chairman

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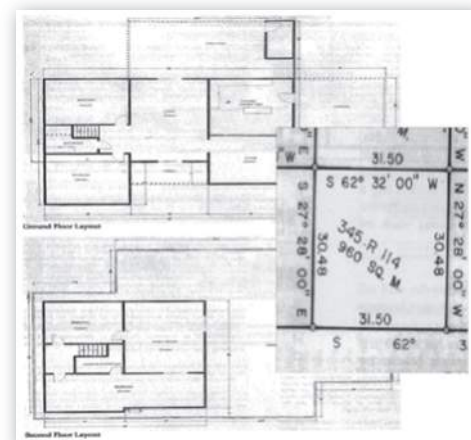


NOTICE OF SALE

The Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) hereby gives notice that it is seeking interested buyers, bids and proposals for the fee simple purchase or the leasing of its foreclosed property located in Sinapalo, Rota. Asking price is \$150,000. Deadline to submit offers is Thursday, April 30, 2015. Award will be based on best offer.



2 storey concrete house; 2,865 sq. ft. dwelling area in Sinapalo, Rota



Please call our office on Rota at 532-9408 or Saipan at 234-6245 ext. 306 or 310 for more information on the property and to inquire about our Fee Simple Purchase and Ground Lease Option to Purchase Programs or check our website at www.developcnmi.com.

Honeybee health survey in Marianas region continues

Scientists have been concerned about the health of honeybees worldwide for years. In 2013, Dr. Ross Miller's Entomology Lab at the University of Guam Western Pacific Tropical Research Center began the first honeybee health survey in the region with funding provided by USDA-APHIS.

Research assistant Chris Rosario has logged hundreds of hours collecting samples of bees and sending them off to the U.S. mainland to be tested for the damaging varroa mite. Varroa mites are to bees as ticks are to dogs, a dangerous pest that can compromise the health of the host. Varro mites attach themselves to the body of bees and are spread when infested bees fly into another hive looking to steal some pollen. This is the time mite transfers can occur.

"The varroa mite has infested bee colonies throughout the U.S. Our hope was that Guam could be declared a varroa-free zone, which would have allowed beekeepers on island to provide state-side beekeepers with queen bees certified to be free of the damaging mite. This could be a lucrative business," said Miller.

The varroa mite was found in samples from one bee colony on



A honeybee collects nectar from a flower.

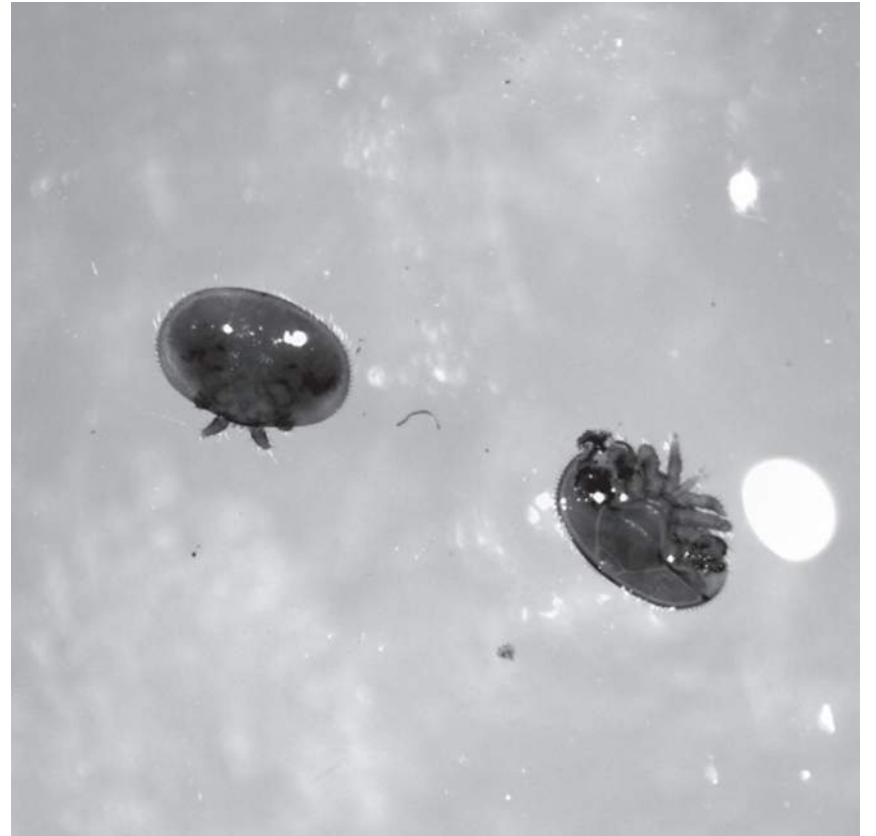
island, and the infested colony has since been destroyed. Though the mite was found in Guam, it is still possible for Guam to be declared varroa free.

"We plan to continue sampling the bee population [in]

Guam for at least three to four more years, and if the samples continue to test free of the varroa mite, Guam may be eligible for the varroa-free designation," explains Rosario.

Honeybees from Saipan

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A magnified photo of varroa mites.

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and Tinian have not fared as well as honeybees from Guam. There is a high percentage of mites found on the samples from both islands. The presence of the varroa mite on Rota is still unknown, but Rosario will

be traveling there soon to obtain samples for testing.

Rosario would like to hear from beekeepers in the region as well as concerned citizens who know where to find wild hives. He can be reached at 487-1640

or at the Entomology Lab at 735-2068. WPTRC researchers continue to promote the health and wellbeing of the plants, animals and people in the region. For more information, please visit www.wptrc.org. (UOG)

Pacific Islands University lowers tuition rate

To celebrate 25 years of teaching classes in Guam since 1991, the board of trustees of Pacific Islands University voted to reduce the tuition rate effective for the summer 2015 term. The

new tuition rate will now be \$199.10 per unit; this means that students who are eligible to receive a full Pell grant will be able to cover the cost of four courses each semester.

Pacific Islands University is the only accredited private Christian university in the Marianas and Micronesia regions. Even as the only private university, the new tuition rate makes

PIU a financially competitive choice in the region.

And, because PIU does not participate in the Federal Loan program, students who complete their education at PIU

graduate debt free.

Board chair Howard Merrell had this to say about the board's decision to reduce the cost of tuition: "Our dedicated staff is offering excellence in education. Reducing tuition is about accessibility, and a servant attitude. We know that many of our potential students struggle with limited resources. This is a way we can serve the island communities. This is where excellence meets accessibility."

Pacific Islands University offers accredited Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Liberal Studies and Biblical Studies. PIU also offers a Master of Arts in Religion and a Master

of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies. In addition to degree programs, PIU offers several certificates, in Basic English, Dive Instruction, and Biblical Studies. Along with these degree and certificate programs, PIU offers a rigorous and very successful remedial program.

Although enrollment is under 100, PIU boasts a very diverse and lively campus. The student population is composed of over 10 different ethnicities and the faculty is nearly as diverse with seven different ethnicities represented. Students and staff appreciate the opportunity to learn from so many different cultures. (PIU)

No agency can do it alone: Saving lives through cooperation

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—Search and rescue experts are gathering in Noumea this week to improve cooperation and response strategies for saving lives at sea in the vast Pacific region.

Co-hosted by the Government of New Caledonia and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and in partnership with the International Maritime Organization, the workshop on April 13–15 aims to improve maritime preparedness, including focusing on more

effective search and rescue legislation, planning and operation.

Pacific Island governments continue to be challenged by search and rescue cases, despite ongoing efforts to prevent them.

Between 2013 and early 2015, there were some 666 search and rescue cases reported in New Caledonia, while Papua New Guinea reported 598, the Solomon Islands indicated some 118 cases, Niue reported 13, and the Cook Islands reported three cases.



While most of the reported cases involved yachts and small boats, there are concerns that with an increasing number of merchant vessels, cruise ships and pleasure craft entering Pacific Islands' waters, the demand for search and rescue services may also rise.

"The Pacific region faces specific challenges for maritime and aeronautical search and rescue because of its sheer size and the significant resources required," the SPC Deputy Director-General for Operations and

Management, Cameron Diver, said during his opening address.

"No single agency can effectively deliver search and rescue services. It requires many partners, agencies and volunteers to share a willingness to help and a cooperative spirit," Diver said.

The workshop has attracted more than 50 participants, including representatives of nine Pacific Island countries and territories and four Pacific Search and Rescue principals (Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Rescue Coordination Centre

New Zealand, New Caledonia Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre and the United States Coast Guard).

The program involves sharing best practices, knowledge and exchanging lessons learned to enhance understanding of regional search and rescue issues, the magnitude of the search and rescue effort from preparedness and patrolling to mass rescue operations.

On Wednesday, the French Navy will stage a demonstration at sea for the participants. (SPC)

HSC-25 rescues distressed mariners

ASAN, Guam—Sailors from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 conducted a search-and-rescue operation and retrieved five distressed mariners west of Apra Harbor on U.S. Naval Base Guam on April 11.

HSC-25 received a request from U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam at approximately 7:25pm about five people who drifted away from Family Beach while on a jet ski and raft.

Knight rider 01, a Navy MH-60S helicopter, was launched from Andersen Air Force Base at approximately 8:20pm. The crew located the survivors at 10:15pm. They were then transported to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam.

HSC-25 has conducted seven searches, eight medical evacuations, seven rescues and two recovery efforts this year.

"Our SAR posture benefits the Navy by providing future

aviation leaders with real-world experience and proficiency in lifesaving missions," said HSC-25 aircraft commander Lt. Monica Mondloch. "In an era where most missions and training exercises are planned well in advance, SAR is a unique mission that time-critical problem solving and decision making."

HSC-25 is the Navy's only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. As a part of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific, it provides an armed helicopter capability for U.S. 7th Fleet in support of logistics, search and rescue and humanitarian assistance missions.

HSC-25 is also the only

Same-sex couple challenge Guam’s laws on marriage

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A lesbian couple in Guam has filed a legal challenge to the territory’s marriage laws after they were barred from submitting a license to wed, the second challenge to marriage laws in the five U.S. Pacific and Caribbean territories.

Loretta M. Pangelinan and Kathleen M. Agüero sued Monday in U.S. District Court. The women, both 28, launched their legal battle after a failed attempt to file an application for a marriage license last week.

Their complaint, filed against Guam Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo and territorial registrar Carolyn Garrido, says they are challenging “the discriminatory denial of their freedom to marry in the Territory of Guam.”

A spokeswoman said Guam

Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson had no comment Monday. She referred a reporter to a statement the attorney general made last Thursday after the couple attempted to file their application for a marriage license at the Office of Vital Statistics last Wednesday.

Barrett-Anderson said at the time that the actions of the public health department complied with Guam law.

“Whether Guam’s statutes will stand or fail will soon to be definitively decided by the Supreme Court of the United States for our entire nation, and upon that decision, Guam will abide,” she said Thursday.

The couple’s attorneys, Bill Pesch and R. Todd Thompson, asked Barrett-Anderson in an April 7 letter “to smooth the pro-

cess by advising vital statistics that they needed to comply with the 9th Circuit decision, and she didn’t obviously,” Pesch said.

The U.S. District Court of Guam falls under the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which has ruled in favor of gay marriage. Thompson earlier told The Associated Press that he expects the Guam court to follow the appeals court’s decision.

Pesch said his clients are hoping to get their case before a judge within a month.

Guam joins Puerto Rico as the only two territories that face a lawsuit seeking marriage rights for gay and lesbian couples. A federal judge in Puerto Rico rejected the lawsuit.

Guam is located 1,500 miles south of Tokyo and 3,700 southwest of Hawaii.



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-020

Opening Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Closing Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Fiscal Assistant: Meter Reader

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer or designee, Updates and verifies customer account or work order information; enters and balances payment data; prepares timekeeping records; may work in the field obtaining and entering customer utility meter information, and replacing or disconnecting utility meters and services. Receives customer payments; balances and records cash and other payment receipts; verifies receipts against payment system data; and prepares deposits. Monitors and updates customer account information; researches account discrepancies or unusual meter readings; calculates payment information for past-due accounts, new installations and security deposits; reports research findings; and/or follows up on service or work order status. Greets customers or receives calls; responds to customer inquiries such as account balance information, payment due dates, minimum payment amounts due or general information inquiries; refers customers to appropriate resources. Copies and scans documents; maintains and organizes files records, reports and accounting transaction documentation. Updates and maintains spreadsheet reports; prepares fiscal transaction reports or other work activity reports. Inspecting, reading, and replacing utility meters in the field; Monitoring meters for damaged or unauthorized connections and tampering; Inspecting equipment and assessing repair needs. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : F.A.M/C.F.O, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : \$16,742.00 per annum.
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.
POSITION(S) : One (1)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS Diploma. Knowledge of: Cash handling practices (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Basic mathematical principles; Recordkeeping principles; Safety principles and safe work practices; Applicable equipment used in field utility services (based on assignment); Modern office technology. Skills in: Receiving, posting and reconciling payments, cash receipts or account information; Verifying and updating account or utility meter information; Providing customer service and responding to inquiries; Coordinating services with other departments or resources; Inspecting and operating field equipment related to utility usage (based on assignment); Performing basic mathematical calculations; Researching account information or discrepancies; Preparing and maintaining files, forms, reports and records; Copying and scanning documents; Updating, maintaining and preparing reports and spreadsheet tracking documents; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-021

Opening Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Closing Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Trades Assistant (Operator)

Duties: Work under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director or his/her designee. Assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in assigned service area; operates motorized vehicles, equipment machinery, and hand and power tools. Performs routine and preventative maintenance on equipment, vehicles, systems and/or infrastructure; performs basic inspections; and conducts basic troubleshooting of issues. Responds to trouble calls as needed. Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies, and setting work safety barriers for protection and to direct traffic flow away from work site. Gathers, cleans and returns equipment, materials and supplies used. Cleans and maintains work site after project or repair work is complete. Monitors equipment; takes readings and collects data; documents equipment readings; prepares and submits data and work reports. Performs inventory spot checks to ensure adequate materials and supplies are available for daily maintenance activities. Servicing equipment by disassembling, assembling, cleaning and calibrating; Assisting with equipment inspections; Monitoring gauges on engine generators; Reading meters and collecting data; Monitor and maintain pump fuel; Operating incinerators; Operating oil and water separator pump; Servicing and preparing oil filters; Responding to customer calls; Maintaining grounds, trimming trees and removing obstacles; Fabricating materials for required parts. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION(S) : Power Plant, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : \$16,742.00 per annum.
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.
POSITION(S) : One (1).

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS. Knowledge of: Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skill in: Providing customer service; Reading maps and drawings; Operating heavy and light equipment machinery, hand and power tools required of assigned area; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Prioritizing tasks and managing time for efficiency; Identifying issues and solving problems; Providing attention to detail; Taking equipment readings and recording data; Maintaining activity logs and reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a CNMI driver’s license or one from a U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants may be tested AND are subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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is inviting qualified U.S. Citizens to apply for the following vacant positions

Position: International Cooks (25)

Qualifications: 2 years experience as a cook in a high volume restaurant or hotel. Must have problem solving abilities, be self-motivated and organized. Must be able to stand on feet for long periods of time. Must be flexible to work a varied schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Demi Chef (3)

Qualifications: 4 years work experience in a high volume restaurant or hotel as a Demi Chef. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards are essential. Proven track of food preparation, presentation and preservation knowledge is an essential. Must be a dedicated team player with the ability to work in a multicultural environment. Willing to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Sous Chef (1)

Qualifications: 5years previous kitchen management/supervisory experience is required preferably from a large volume restaurant or hotel. Must have understanding and knowledge of safety, sanitation and food handling procedures. Able to work in a team environment; must have problem solving abilities, be self-motivated and organized. Committed to quality service and food and beverage knowledge. Ability to work calmly and effectively under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Electrician (1)

Qualifications: 5 years work experience in this field is required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram and electrical symbols, knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: General Maintenance Worker (2)

Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a Handyman is required and preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects. Possession of a driver’s license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Front Desk Manager (1)

Qualifications: Must have a minimum of three (3) years progressive experience in Front Desk supervisory level required preferably from a high volume hotel. Strong communication skills both oral and written and demonstrated leadership abilities are essential. Must be able to analyze data and make decision based on prior experience and knowledge of circumstances to prepare daily and weekly forecasts of expected arrivals and departures. Must have an energetic and dynamic personality and able to multitask. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Guest Relations Agent (1)

Qualifications: High School Graduate or equivalent. 1 year previous work experience as guest relations agent in a high volume or full service hotel is highly preferred. Language speaking skill in Japanese, Korean or Chinese is advantageous. Strong customer service and communication skills are essential. Must have good problem solving skills. Must be able to multi-task and is a team player. Knowledge of computer applications is required.

Position: Electrician (1)

Qualifications: 2 years experience as electrician in commercial, industrial and residential building electrical works is required. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Carpenter (1)

Qualifications: 2 years carpentry experience required. Incumbent in this classification is exposed to restricted movement, extreme temperature and intense noise inherent to carpentry positions. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: Carpenter - Supervisor (1)

Qualifications: 3 years work experience in this field in a supervisor level is required. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects. Incumbent in this classification is exposed to restricted movement, extreme temperature and intense noise inherent to carpentry positions. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: A/C Refrigeration Mechanic (1)

Qualifications: 4 years experience in this field is required. Must be able to read electrical wiring diagrams, and control diagrams. Must be able to troubleshoot refrigeration equipment. Must be able to obtain and maintain required certification in this field. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Application forms may be obtained and submitted to our Security Office located on the South Wing of Fiesta Resort & Spa. Deadline for submission of applications to be considered is April 16, 2017.

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Business

Nearly 9 in 10 US adults now have health insurance

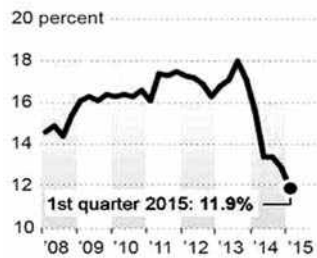
WASHINGTON (AP)—Underlining a change across the nation, nearly 9 out of 10 adults now say they have health insurance, according to an extensive survey released Monday.

As recently as 2013, slightly more than 8 out of 10 had coverage.

Whether the new number from the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index turns out to be a high-water mark for President Barack Obama's health care law, or a milestone on the path toward his goal of getting virtually all U.S. residents covered, remains to be seen.

Fewer uninsured

The number of U.S. adults who say they lack health insurance has dropped below 12 percent, according to a Gallup poll:



Figures are quarterly averages.

SOURCE: Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index AP

The law's future is still up in the air, and will turn on factors ranging from an upcoming Supreme Court decision on consumer subsidies to actions by Republican leaders in states opposed to Medicaid expansion.

The Gallup-Healthways survey found that the share of adults who lack insurance dropped to 11.9 percent for the first three months of this year, the lowest level since that survey began its tracking in 2008. The latest update overlaps with the period when the health law's second sign-up season was winding down.

Delta to relocate terminals in Shanghai airport

ATLANTA and SHANGHAI—Delta Air Lines is relocating its passenger operations from Terminal 2 to Terminal 1 at Shanghai-Pudong (PVG) airport beginning April 13 to collocate with its airline code-share partners China Eastern Airlines and Shanghai Airlines, a wholly owned subsidiary of China Eastern.

The move and codeshare agreement are part of Delta's broader strategy to collaborate and expand services in China and become a more prominent U.S. carrier while continuing to offer the most robust network choices of a U.S. global carrier.

The relocation to Terminal 1 will allow for more convenient connections and a seamless customer experience for customers flying with China Eastern, Shanghai Airlines and Delta, including access to China Eastern's new 4,000 square-foot SkyTeam Lounge, which opens in late 2015. Delta customers will also receive SkyTeam Elite benefits such as priority check-in, priority boarding and preferred seats.

«By relocating our operations and growing our partnership with China Eastern and Shanghai Airlines, Delta will offer the most comprehensive intra-China network at Shanghai airport for our customers in the United States and China,» said

Vinay Dube, Delta's senior vice president – Asia Pacific. «For the past several years, Delta consistently enhanced nonstop service between China and the U.S., and we look forward to adding to our network new service between Los Angeles and Shanghai beginning in July.»

«China Eastern Airlines and Delta, being important SkyTeam member airlines, have continued to deepen cooperation in various fields in recent years,» said Dong Bo, chief marketing officer at China Eastern. «The two airlines are committed to becoming the leading partnership on trans-Pacific routes through more extensive and deeper cooperation. The codeshare between Delta and Shanghai Airlines will further enrich bilateral cooperation, products and expand the network.»

Combined with its hubs and focus markets in Detroit, Seattle, Los Angeles and Tokyo-Narita, Delta will operate 28 weekly departures to Shanghai this summer. Additionally, Delta offers daily service to China's capital, Beijing, from both Seattle and Detroit. The new Los Angeles to Shanghai route is subject to government approval.

By adding Delta's code on 11 Shanghai Airlines-operated China domestic routes, customers traveling on Delta's trans-Pacific flights will have access

to a greater number of interior cities in China beyond Shanghai. Conversely, customers traveling from interior cities in China can buy a Delta ticket to the U.S. and beyond as a consolidated itinerary.

The new codeshare agreement with Shanghai Airlines complements Delta's existing agreement with China Eastern from its Shanghai hub. Combined with both partners, Delta provides connections to nearly 30 destinations beyond Shanghai including Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Nanjing. It will also provide access to four new destinations from Shanghai – Zhengzhou, Guiyang, Nanning and Tianjin.

Delta is making significant investments to build the most Chinese-friendly U.S. airline. Chinese travelers are well served with local language options on delta.com, at airport self-service kiosks and among in-flight entertainment selections. The airline has Chinese-speaking flight attendants on every flight to and from China and offers Chinese cuisine among its in-flight meal options. As announced earlier this month, Delta launched its official WeChat account to provide Chinese customers with in-language flight information, marketing promotions and tips for popular Delta destinations through China's most popular SNS service. (PR)

Nation

Jodi Arias gets life term with no chance for release

PHOENIX (AP)—The nearly seven-year legal saga of Jodi Arias ended Monday as a judge sentenced her to life in prison for killing her ex-boyfriend, and the victim's sisters unleashed their pain over the 2008 murder that captivated social media with its salacious details.

Three of Travis Alexander's sisters tearfully urged Judge Sherry Stephens to impose the harshest penalty available against Arias. They described Arias as «unrepentant» and «evil» and lashed out at her.

As Arias was leaving the courtroom, Alexander's younger sister, Tanisha Sorenson, said loudly, «Burn in hell,» prompting her sister to try to quiet her down.

Samantha Alexander cried as she recalled walking into her brother's house after investigators had finished collecting evidence there. «He was there for five days,» she said. «Five days he is there decomposing in the shower. I'm sure his soul was screaming for someone to find him.»

Alexander's family and

friends hugged each other with tears in their eyes but smiles on their faces after the judge imposed the most severe of two available sentences and denied Arias a chance to be eligible for release after serving 25 years. About a dozen jurors from the two trials were in the courtroom to witness the sentencing.

Before the sentence was handed down, Arias gave a rambling statement in which she stood by her testimony and accused police and prosecutors of changing their

story during the investigation. She said she was sorry for the pain she caused Alexander's family and friends.

«I'm truly disgusted and I'm repulsed with myself,» Arias said, recalling the moment she put a knife to Alexander's throat.

She has acknowledged killing Alexander but claimed it was self-defense after he attacked her. Prosecutors said Arias killed Alexander in a jealous rage after the victim wanted to end their affair.

Arias, wearing black and white striped jail clothing, cast her gaze away from Alexander



Arias

der's sisters as they spoke to the judge, but looked at her mother as she sought leniency.

The 34-year-old was convicted of first-degree murder last year, but jurors deadlocked on her punishment.

A new jury that was picked to decide her punishment had deadlocked last month over whether she was to be sentenced to death or life in prison, leaving it up to the judge to decide whether she would ever get a chance at release.

Eleven jurors at the second trial voted for the death penalty, while one juror spared Arias' life by insisting that she be sentenced to life in prison. The holdout juror was accused by her colleagues of having a bias toward Arias.

Defense lawyer Jennifer Willmott said Monday she has never seen jurors attended a sentencing in any of her previous trials.

Prosecutors say Arias killed Alexander after he planned a trip to Mexico with another woman. Arias shot Alexander and stabbed him nearly 30 times in his suburban Phoenix home. She was arrested weeks later and initially denied involvement.

Dash cam: Officer who shot black man told boss he ran away

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—The white South Carolina police officer charged with murder in the shooting death of a black man can be heard telling his supervisor twice that he didn't understand why the man ran away, according to dashcam video.

That officer, Michael Slager, is in jail and has been fired in the wake of the April 4 shooting death of Walter Scott, 50, who was buried over the weekend. The shooting happened after Slager pulled Scott over for what the officer said was a broken taillight on his Mercedes.

Scott was behind some

\$18,000 in his child support payments, and family members have said he may have run because he was worried about going back to jail. A warrant had been issued for his arrest.

The shooting was captured on a cellphone camera by a man passing by and became the latest example nationally of an unarmed black man shot by a white police officer, further stirring outrage.

The shooting was not captured by Slager's dashboard camera, which shows what appears to be a routine traffic stop until Scott takes off running. But the cellphone video

shows Slager firing eight times at Scott.

SLED has released almost 13 hours of dashcam video from the cruisers of the five officers who responded to the scene.

State Law Enforcement Division spokesman Thom Berry said Monday that the actions of all North Charleston officers at the scene are being reviewed. Any findings will be forwarded to a local prosecutor.

On one video, Slager can be heard answering a call on his cellphone.

«Everything's OK, OK?» he tells the caller. «I just shot somebody.»

Milwaukee motorist, teen shot, killed after van hits child

MILWAUKEE (AP)—A man whose van struck and killed a 2-year-old boy on a Milwaukee street was shot to death after getting out to check on the child, police said. A 15-year-old boy, a brother of the 2-year-old who came from a nearby house, was also fatally shot at the scene.

Archie Brown Jr., 40, died at the scene of Sunday evening's accident near a park on Milwaukee's near northwest side, police said. They identified the child as 2-year-old Damani Terry and the teen as Rasheed T. Chiles, who died at a hospital.

The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office said in a statement later Monday that Damani and Rasheed were brothers.

A police statement Monday said Brown was distraught about hitting the child and stopped right away, according to witnesses. The statement didn't explain how and why Chiles was shot, but police said he and the 2-year-old were attending the same party at the house near the accident.

Mayor Tom Barrett called the shooting of Brown an «assassination.»

«Someone got angry,» Barrett said. «Someone took a gun and basically assassinated this gentleman.»

Brown's father, Archie Brown Sr., said a neighbor riding with his son on a trip to Home Depot told him that Chiles had gone to the scene to try to help.

«He came over to assist Junior and while he was assisting him they were shot,» the elder Brown said. «It's a tough situation.»

Police said they had no one in custody.

Orange and blue balloons were taped to the front window of the house on Monday, along with a crepe paper streamer that read «Happy Birthday.» A frosted cake was smashed on the front sidewalk and candy was strewn in the yard.

Barbara Sprewer, who lives next door, said she saw Damani looking around before crossing the street, apparently heading for some girls dancing in the nearby park. She saw the van approach, and estimated it was going 25 to 30 mph.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New rules proposed as 5-year anniversary of oil spill nears

WASHINGTON (AP)—A week shy of the fifth anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the Obama administration proposed new regulations Monday aimed at strengthening oversight of offshore oil drilling equipment and ensuring that out-of-control wells can be sealed in an emergency. The explosion of the Deepwater rig on April 20, 2010, killed 11 people and dumped as many as 172 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Federal safety investigators blamed a faulty blow-out preventer for the spill and called for stronger regulations of the equipment that prevents oil and gas from rushing to the surface and triggering a spill. The proposed rule would require that blow-out preventers in wells have two shear rams, which cut through the drill pipe and allow the well to be sealed in an emergency. In the Deepwater Horizon spill, a single shear ram failed to operate properly.

Pepsi to replace Coke in NBA marketing deal

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Basketball Association is trading Coke for Pepsi. The league said Monday that it's struck a new marketing partnership with Pepsico, ending a 28-year partnership with Coca-Cola. Pepsico CEO Indra Nooyi said during a press conference in New York that the company will bring the power of its portfolio of 22 brands to the NBA. The Purchase, New York-based company's brands include Pepsi, Tropicana, Lay's, Lipton and Doritos. Nooyi pointed out that Pepsico Inc. had an existing relationship with the NBA through Gatorade, which has been a partner with the league for more than 30 years. The executive said that Mountain Dew will lead the NBA's marketing strategy. The partnership will cover North America and China, where the popularity of the NBA is growing.

Asia

China releases women's activists

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese authorities have released five women's rights campaigners whose detentions sparked an international outcry and underscored the government's tight restrictions on independent social activism, lawyers said.

Lawyer Liang Xiaojun said the five were let go after more than a month in detention under a form of conditional release that keeps the investigation open for another year and still allows for formal charges to be brought later.

As of late Monday night, all had either returned or were on their way to their homes in Beijing and elsewhere in China, including the southern metropolis of Guangzhou and the eastern resort city of Hangzhou.

Other lawyers could not be reached by phone, but posted messages on social media saying their clients had been freed. Calls to the Haidian District Detention Center in western Beijing where they had been held rang unanswered Monday night.

China says Taiwan won't be among charter members of new bank

BEIJING (AP)—Cross-strait frictions reemerged Monday as China said Taiwan won't be among the charter members of the Chinese-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, apparently because of a dispute over what name the island should use in the institution.

Taiwan is among more than 40 countries applying for membership in the new bank, which Washington opposes as unnecessary and potentially harmful.

However, the Chinese Cabinet's Taiwan Affairs Office said in a statement that Taiwan would be welcome to participate "under the appropriate name." That reflects China's view that the self-governing island republic's name should not suggest that it is a country, because Beijing considers it part of China's territory.

Spokesman Ma Xiaoguang

An anti-discrimination group working with the activists, the Beijing Yirenping Center, said in a statement that continuing to treat the women as criminal suspects was "neither legal nor reasonable." Late last month, Beijing police raided the center's office and confiscated computers and financial documents.

"They deserve public recognition and rewards," center co-founder Lu Jun wrote of their activism. "The arrest and detention of them is a glaring injustice."

Amnesty International called the women's release an "encouraging breakthrough" but "an incomplete step." It said China must end the investigation against each of the five activists and exonerate them completely.

"Women's rights campaigners should be free to advance human rights without fear of intimidation or the threat of detention," said William Nee, the group's China researcher. "Yet the reality today is that rights activists are systematically monitored,

harassed and suppressed."

Under the conditions of their release, the five remain formally under investigation for the next year and must adhere to conditions such as reporting their movements to police and being available for interrogation at any time. Police also may ban them from communicating with one another.

The five—Wang Man, Zheng Churan, Wu Rongrong, Wei Tingting and Li Tingting—were detained last month as they prepared to distribute posters and stickers against domestic violence on International Women's Day on March 8. They were accused of creating a disturbance and, if convicted, could have been sentenced to up to three years in prison. Five others detained at the same time were released earlier.

While the government has commented little on the case, it appeared that their detentions were linked more to their penchant for media-friendly street action than their advocacy for women's rights.

Chinese pressure forces Taiwan to participate in international sporting competitions and other events as "Chinese Taipei," the name suggested by Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou when he proposed the island's membership in the bank.

Beijing now appears to have rejected that suggestion. Although it has not offered an alternative, China succeeded in 1986 in having Taiwan's name at the Asian Development Bank changed from "Chinese Taipei," to "Taipei, China."

Ma, the Taiwan Affairs Office spokesman, said China had taken note of Taiwan's suggestions on naming and methodology and is willing to continue hearing opinions from all sides to "appropriately resolve issues surrounding the Taiwan side's participation in the AIIB."

by force if necessary.

Some 250 Taliban fighters overran the posts, said Gul Mohammad Bidar, the province's deputy governor. Ahmad Nawid Froutan, a spokesman for the provincial governor, said the attack killed 18 soldiers, with eight of their bodies beheaded. He said Afghan troops killed 19 Taliban fighters, eight of them foreigners, and that the insurgents fled after reinforcements arrived to the area.

Pakistani troops kill 13 suspects behind deadly dam attack

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani troops have killed 13 members of a militant group that claimed responsibility for a weekend attack on a dam project

in the southwestern Baluchistan province that left 20 construction workers dead, an army spokesman said Monday. The soldiers conducted an operation in the Gbdan area of the Turbat district in the province, about 400 kilometer (250 miles) south of the provincial capital of Quetta, searching for "terrorists who massacred" the workers, said Abdul Wasay, spokesman for the paramilitary Frontier Corps. The operation followed the attack on Saturday, when militants stormed a labor camp near the dam construction site, overpowering eight security guards who then took off and ran for their lives, and shooting dead sleeping laborers before fleeing the scene.

World

Russia lifts ban on delivery of S-300 missiles to Iran

MOSCOW (AP)—President Vladimir Putin on Monday sanctioned the delivery of a highly capable Russian air defense missile system to Iran, a game changer move that would significantly bolster the Islamic republic's military capability and fuel Israel's concerns.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry objected to Moscow's decision in a phone call to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and the White House indicated the move could endanger plans to ultimately lift sanctions on Iran as part of a proposed nuclear deal.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said unity and coordination with nations like Russia is critical to the success of the negotiations. Washington has said Moscow played a constructive role in the Iranian nuclear talks, despite sharp differences between Russia and the West over Ukraine.



In this file photo taken on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013 a Russian air defense missile system Antey 2500, or S-300 VM, is on display at the opening of the MAKS Air Show in Zhukovsky outside Moscow.

Putin's move was quickly welcomed by Tehran, while it worried Israel, which saw it as a sign that Iran already had begun to cash in on the emerging nuclear deal with world powers that is expected to be finalized by the end of June.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said the missile sys-

tem could be shipped to Iran at any moment.

Russia signed the \$800 million contract to sell Iran the S-300 missile system in 2007, but suspended their delivery three years later because of strong objections from the United States and Israel. Putin on Monday lifted that ban.

Hezbollah leader blasts Saudi strikes in Yemen

BEIRUT (AP)—A top leader of the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group directed a barrage of criticism at Saudi Arabia on Monday, accusing the kingdom of committing genocide with its airstrike campaign targeting Yemen's Shiite rebels and warning it will "pay a heavy price" for its involvement.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, the Shiite militant group's deputy chief, Sheikh Naim Kassem, said Saudi Arabia made a "strategic mistake" by interfering in Yemen's internal affairs.

More than two weeks of Saudi-led airstrikes targeting Yemen's Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, have failed to stop

the rebel power grab. The Saudi campaign has also turned Yemen into a new proxy war between the kingdom and Iran, which has backed the Houthis, though Tehran denies aiding the rebels militarily. Hezbollah is a close Iran ally.

The strikingly tough criticism of the region's top Sunni powerhouse underlines the widening rift between Saudi Arabia and Shiite-led Iran, and is likely to further polarize the Sunni-Shiite divide in a turbulent Middle East.

"Saudi Arabia has embroiled itself (in Yemen) and will incur very serious losses ... that will increasingly reflect on its status, its internal situation and its role in the region,"

Kassem said.

"What happened in Yemen is a crime that cannot be ignored. ... Saudi Arabia is committing genocide in Yemen, we cannot be silent about that," the Hezbollah No. 2 said, likening the Saudi-led airstrikes on Yemen to Israel's bombing campaigns in Gaza.

At least 643 people, most of them civilians, have been killed since March 19, when the Houthi power grab escalated, the World Health Organization said last week—the vast majority of them since the start of the Saudi air campaign on March 26. Another more than 120,000 people have been displaced by the airstrikes, the U.N. said Monday.

France's govt wants emergency surveillance powers

PARIS (AP)—French Prime Minister Manuel Valls called Monday for emergency government surveillance powers in case of an exceptional threat, a move prompted by the deadly Paris attacks earlier this year.

In a speech in Parliament, Valls urged a new intelligence bill for extraordinary measures that would be used only "in case of major crisis affecting the citizens' security." The law would allow intelligence services to use surveillance powers without submitting a request to an independent nine-person panel, as normally required.

Lawmakers on Monday started debating a bill aimed at legalizing broad surveillance of terrorism suspects.

The proposal caused an outcry from some privacy advocates, human rights groups, a magistrates' union and the Paris bar association, despite the government's efforts to distance itself from U.S.-style mass surveillance. A group of 10 organizations denounced it Monday in a joint statement as "legalizing highly intrusive surveillance methods" with "no guarantee for individual freedom and privacy protection."

The bill was proposed long before the Paris attacks by Islamic extremists in January. But Valls said it takes on added urgency with each person who is radicalized and turns against France.

The prime minister told Parliament that intelligence

services have determined that seven jihadists from France, either French citizens or residents, died in suicide attacks in Syria and Iraq. He added that six of those were newly converted to Islam.

"This is a global threat that we must face," he said.

Valls insisted that the data gathering would be restricted under the law, with its execution monitored by the independent panel.

"It has nothing to do with the practices revealed by Edward Snowden," Valls said, referring to the former National Security Agency systems employee who disclosed U.S. programs that vacuumed up phone call records and electronic communications.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Taliban attack kills 18 Afghan soldiers; some beheaded

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Taliban fighters swarmed over Afghan army posts in the country's northeast, killing at least 18 soldiers and beheading some in a major attack to mark the start of the country's summer fighting season, authorities said Monday. The assault marks a grim first summer battle for Afghan forces, now fighting largely alone after the U.S. and NATO ended their combat mission in the country at the start of this year. The attack in Badakhshan's Jurm district happened Friday, though officials only offered details about it days later as they pledged to investigate the apparent rout.

Good Housekeeping

How orchids can become part of your 'family'

By KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
DAILY PRESS (NEWPORT NEWS, VA.)

Plants often become more than just plants; they turn into loved family members.

Hobbyist orchid growers like Joelle Miller feel exactly that way.

In San Diego, her first phalaenopsis orchid quickly turned into several and then into a dozen, until her second bedroom was a plant nursery. Then, she expanded her orchid collection outdoors.

"My fabulous landlord at the time even went so far as to adjust the sprinkler system to help water my 'babies,'" says Miller, now a Tropical House gardener at Norfolk Botanical Garden in Norfolk, Va., www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org.

Joelle became the person people would give their ailing plants to and "expect me to fix them," she recounts. "When my husband got orders to relocate to Great Lakes Naval Base in North Chicago, I knew I couldn't take them with me, so we had a garage sale and I screened prospective owners before I allowed them to buy my favorites.

"It broke my heart to leave them behind, but I felt good knowing that I passed them on to people who would love them as much as I did. I feel like I've come full circle in my horticultural career in that I'm now taking care of more orchids than I ever dreamed of when I started on this crazy journey."

At the Tropical House, Miller helps care for more than 150 different orchids on display with begonias, gingers, palms and bromeliads. The orchids are there on loan from members of the Tidewater Orchid Society, including its president Frank Drew, who has about 1,500 in his Virginia Beach greenhouse.



▲ NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN/TNS
Joelle Miller cares for orchids in the Tropical House at Norfolk Botanical Garden.



▲ NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN/TNS
Palms and other tropical plants surround orchids in the Tropical House at Norfolk Botanical Garden.

◀ LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDEN/TNS
Orchids surround a garden statue at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Conservatory in Richmond, Va.

Orchids in the Tropical House also come from the Kaplan Orchid Conservatory at Old Dominion University, also in Norfolk. The display is a great chance to see the different kind of orchids that can thrive in your own home.

"I've tried to choose the types that will do best in the conditions we can offer ranging from low light- needing lady slipper orchids to bright light-demand-

ing reed orchids and everything in between," says Miller.

At the Kaplan Conservatory, orchids thrive in climate-controlled greenhouses that opened in 2008 with about 750 plants that the late Norfolk physician Arthur Kaplan donated from his personal collection. Frank Kirchner, who cares for 500 orchids in his backyard greenhouse in Norfolk, says he's forever in-

debted to Kaplan for his mentorship and friendship.

"Our friendship started at a New Year's brunch," he writes in an email.

"I had managed to not kill one of my first five or so orchids. Arthur, with a famous twinkle in his eye said, 'Everyone has to lose a few orchids before they learn how to grow them.' He then asked if I poked

around and looked at the roots. Responding affirmatively, his eyes twinkled even more as he looked at his beautiful wife, Phyllis, also an expert grower, and said, 'He's really hooked!'"

"Arthur and I would spend wonderful summer mornings at his beautiful greenhouses repotting orchids; exploring different light intensities, different growing media, the same orchid

growing in differing conditions," he said. "With a little attention and loving neglect orchids thrive and give back so much more than they require."

In Richmond, Va., the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden's conservatory features an entire wing dedicated to a collection of 1,500 orchids, according to spokeswoman Beth Monroe, and there are 200-300 orchids always in bloom at any given time. "It's a lush paradise with a waterfall and tropical companion plants," she says.

While the common moth orchid, a phalaenopsis, is the variety you typically see in garden centers and grocery stores, there are other orchids—the familiar corsage-like Cymbidium and Lady slippers, or Paphiopediliums—well suited for home environments, according to orchid experts.

In general, most orchids do well with daytime temperatures 65-85 degrees Fahrenheit and low to medium light—no direct sun, according to growers. The worst thing you can do is overwater an orchid because its roots will quickly rot. Instead, let your orchid get almost dry before watering it thoroughly, and then let it drain completely. Use a good orchid fertilizer according to directions on the label, and consider having an expert assess and repot it as needed.

But the best recommendation is to join a local orchid group to learn firsthand from members who have already been successfully growing these beautiful plants, according to Corinne Holland, a member of the Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia.

THIS IS A HAMMER

Home management in the digital age

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
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Home automation is becoming all the rage, but many homeowners balk at rigging up remotely controlled thermostats or security systems because they're concerned about the cost or about locking into contracts.

And some DIY'ers don't want automation, but they do want to bring a little order into the chaos of home maintenance and improvement. Fortunately, the explosion of mobile apps is making life a bit easier ... and at an affordable price.

Here are some of the latest connected devices that aim to make home management, au-

tomation and security easier:

BrightNest: This home maintenance app for iOS (think iPhones and iPads) and Android platforms helps you set up a maintenance schedule and offers helpful tips on cleaning and maintenance. Free. (brightnest.com, App Store or Google Play)

Cozi Family: Need to assign chores to the kids or split up home-maintenance tasks? This app can do that. It also syncs with everyone's device from a single account and has a simple interface. Free. (www.cozi.com, App Store or Google Play)

HomeZada: This desktop

software allows you to make an inventory of all your home's systems for free. For \$59 a year, it gives you maintenance reminders and instructions, a calendar, a remodeling budget tool and more. (www.homezada.com)

Nest: While this startup company's physical products include a "learning thermostat" and a smoke/CO detector, both of which

can be controlled remotely, it's also partnering with other tech firms to connect systems in and outside your home—from your car to your fitness wristband and more. Products can be found online or at home-improvement stores, and start at

\$99 for the smoke/CO detector. (nest.com)

Notion: This home-sensor system goes beyond the standard security system: It senses pretty much anything you want it to, whether it's an open garage door, an almost-empty propane tank or a window being lifted. The system sends a message to your smartphone. Sensors along with a necessary Wi-Fi bridge are available on line and start at \$129. (getnotion.com)

TIP: Home security starts with good maintenance, so make sure windows are in good shape and lock tightly, and install sturdy deadbolts at entrance doors.

Send your home tips and questions to ask@thisisahammer.com.

COMFORT FOOD

Dillied Tuna Macaroni Salad

By HEALTHY EXCHANGES
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■ 1 hard-boiled egg, chopped

Who said that tuna at lunchtime has to be served as a sandwich? Surely, not anyone who tastes this!

■ 2 cups cold cooked rotini pasta, rinsed and drained

■ 1/4 cup finely chopped onion

■ 1 cup sliced celery

■ 1/2 cup shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese

■ 1/4 cup dill pickle relish

■ 1 (6-ounce) can white tuna, packed in water, drained and flaked

■ 1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise

■ 1 teaspoon lemon juice

1. In a large bowl, combine rotini pasta, onion, celery and Cheddar cheese. In a small bowl, combine dill pickle relish, tuna, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Add dressing mixture to pasta mixture. Mix well to combine.

2. Fold in chopped egg. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Gently stir again just before serving. Serves 4 (1 cup each).

* Each serving equals: 257 calories, 5g fat, 20g protein, 33g carb., 686mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Vegetable.

In Celebration of Her New Life

†*Fidelia Sablan Salas*

April 24, 1929 – April 12, 2015

In Her New life, She now joins her:

Husband: †Jesus Taitano Salas
Father: †Jose Sablan Sablan
Mother: †Nieves Palacios Sablan
Father In Law: †Juan Rabago Salas
Mother In Law: †Carmen Taitano Salas
Sons: †William S. Salas
 †Jose S. Salas
Grandson: †Vinson Josh DLG. Salas

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children and Grandchildren:

Jose Quintanilla and Daughter
 †William S. Salas and Children
 Francisco S. & Rosa M. Salas and Children
 Ramon S. Salas and Children
 Vicente S. & Joaquina DLG. Salas and Children
 Joseph S. Salas & Osa and Children
 Lillian S. & Larry Laveque and Children
 Juan S. Sablan & Alicia and Children

Reared Daughter:

Bernadita C. & Pete Itibus and Children

Brothers/Sisters and In-Laws:

†Oswald & †Josepha Sablan; †Esperanza & †Mariano Cabrera;
 †Francisco C. & Regina L. Sablan; †Carmen S. & Antonio Reyes;
 Rosa S. & William Torres; †Felipe C. & Joaquina Sablan;
 Pedro C. & †Alejandra Sablan; †Jose C. & Antonia Sablan; †Maria C. Sablan; †Juan C. Sablan

†Vicente C. & †Magdalena T. Salas; †Ignacio & †Gloria M. Celis;
 †Francisco & †Francisca S. Celis; †Obit & †Francisca S. Celis; †Rosa & †Regino Mundo;
 †Dolores S. & †Ramon T. Palacios; †Jose T. & †Margarita V. Salas;
 Maria S. & †Vicente P. Delos Reyes; Joaquin T. & Maria (Meng) D. Salas;
 Antonio T. & Evelyn S. Salas; †Juan T. & †Bernadita R. Salas;
 †Nicolas T. & Tinidad (Tannie) DLC. Salas; Rosalia S. & Jesus T. Guerrero

She will also be missed by her numerous relatives and friends.

Mass of Intentions for the repose of Her soul are being celebrated daily at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 11:00 am to Kristo Rai Church. Responso Service will be at 11:15 am followed by Holy Rosary at 11:30 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3:00pm followed by Interment Service at Mount Carmel Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest with her husband †Jesus.

Please join us in prayers,

Thank You – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

*From the Family of the late †Jesus Taitano Salas
 and the late †Fidelia Sablan Salas*



Life & Style

'Imitation Game' code breaker Turing's notes net \$1M

NEW YORK (AP)—A handwritten notebook by British World War II code-breaking genius Alan Turing, who was the subject of the 2014 Oscar-winning film "The Imitation Game," brought more than \$1 million at auction on Monday.

The 56-page manuscript was written at the time the mathematician and computer science pioneer was working to break the seemingly unbreakable Enigma codes used by the Germans throughout the war. It contains his complex mathematical and computer science notations and is believed to be the only extensive Turing manuscript known to exist, Bonhams auction house said.

The sale price was \$1,025,000. "The Imitation Game," starring Benedict Cumberbatch in the role of Turing, won Best

Adapted Screenplay at this year's Academy Awards.

Turing's notebook dates from 1942, when he and his team of cryptanalysts were at Britain's World War II code and cypher school Bletchley Park. In one entry, Turing wrote about a complex calculus notation.

"The Leibniz notation I find extremely difficult to understand in spite of it having been the one I understood the best once!" he wrote. "It certainly implies that some relation between x and y has been laid down eg, $y=x^2+3x$."

The sale also included a working German Enigma enciphering machine. The three-rotor device, manufactured for the German military in July 1944, sold for \$269,000.

Turing was prosecuted for being gay at a time when it

was illegal in Britain. He was convicted of indecency in 1952 and agreed to undergo hormone treatment in a bid to eliminate his homosexuality as an alternative to imprisonment.

He died in 1954 of cyanide poisoning. His death was ruled a suicide although his family and friends believed it might have been accidental. The notebook was among the papers he left in his will to friend and fellow mathematician Robin Gandy.

Gandy gave the papers to The Archive Centre at King's College in Cambridge in 1977. But he kept the notebook, using its blank pages for writing down his dreams at the request of his psychiatrist.

The notebook remained in Gandy's possession until he died in 1995, and Bonhams

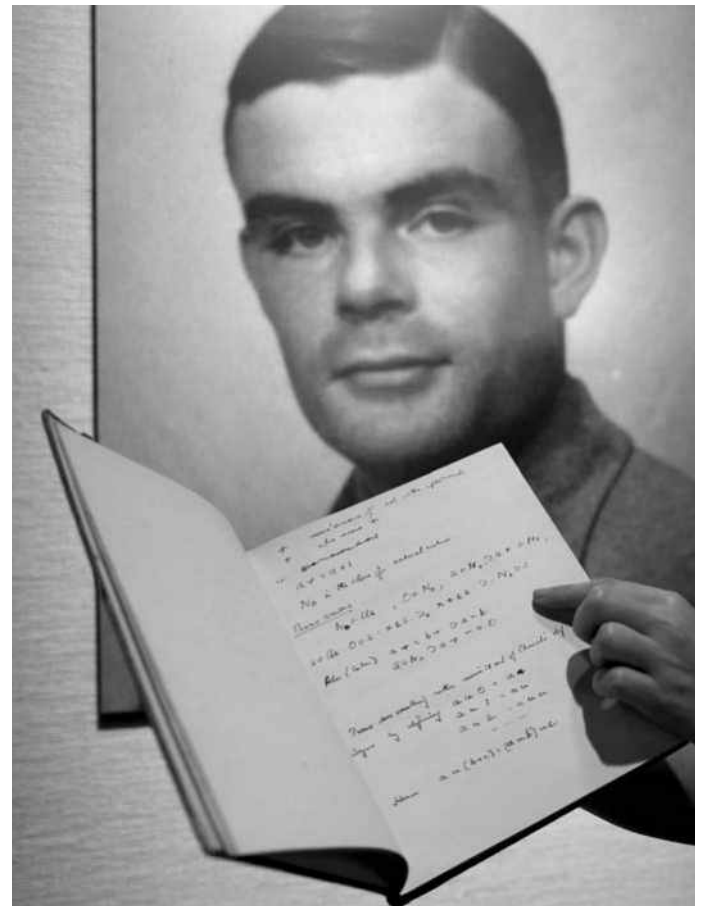
describes his entries as highly personal.

At the beginning of his journal, Gandy writes: "It seems a suitable disguise to write in between these notes of Alan's on notation, but possibly a little sinister; a dead father figure, some of whose thoughts I most completely inherited."

Turing scholar Andrew Hodges, in a statement through Bonhams, said the notebook sheds more light on how Turing "remained committed to free-thinking work in pure mathematics."

"The Imitation Game," which also stars Keira Knightley, is based on Hodges' book "Alan Turing: The Enigma."

Bonhams said the buyer wished to remain anonymous. Part of the proceeds will be donated to charity.



In this March 19, 2015, file photo, a page from the notebook of British mathematician and pioneer in computer science Alan Turing, the World War II code-breaking genius, is displayed in front of his portrait during an auction preview in Hong Kong.

German Nobel literature laureate Guenter Grass dies at 87

BERLIN (AP)—Guenter Grass was to Germany what William Faulkner was to the old American South: The bard, scourge and pathfinder of a society ruined by moral disgrace and humiliated by military defeat.

For much of his adult life, the Nobel-winning writer held the rare status in the literary world of both national historian and inventor. Grass, who died Monday at age 87, often angered his fellow citizens by reminding them of their shared Nazi past. But through language of renewed freedom and lyricism and stories that were surreal yet recognizable, he also assumed the even greater challenge of imagining what they might become.

"His literary legacy will stand next to that of Goethe," German Culture Minister Monika Grütters said in a statement following the news of his death.

Grass' first and most famous novel, "The Tin Drum," came out in 1959 and ranks with Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "One Hundred Years of Solitude" and Salman Rushdie's "Midnight's Children" as a modern, international classic and as a mini-encyclopedia of a country's state of mind.

Combining naturalistic detail with fantastical images, Grass captured the German reaction to the rise of Nazism, the horrors of the war and the guilt that lingered after Adolf Hitler's fall. The book follows the life of Oskar Matzerath, the boy in Danzig who is caught up in the political whirlwind of the Nazi rise to power and, in response, decides not to grow up. His toy drum becomes a symbol of this refusal.

"There are books that open doors for their readers, doors in the head, doors whose existence they had not previously suspect-



The Oct. 15, 2009 file photo shows German writer and Nobel prize laureate for literature Guenter Grass during an interview with journalists of the Associated Press in the library of Steidl publishers in Goettingen, Germany.

ed," Rushdie once wrote, citing "The Tin Drum" as a youthful rite of passage.

"This is what Grass's great novel said to me in its drumbeats: Go for broke. Always try and do too much. Dispense with safety nets. Take a deep breath before you begin talking. Aim for the stars. Keep grinning. Be ruthless. Argue with the world."

Grass' novel, later adapted by Volker Schlöndorff into an Academy Award-winning movie, became the first installment of his so-called Danzig Trilogy. The series also included "Cat and Mouse" and "Dog Years" and was named for the town of his birth, now the Polish city of Gdansk. The books return again and again to Danzig, where Grass was born on Oct. 16, 1927, the son of a grocer.

"My sister and I did not have our own rooms, or even a place to ourselves," he told The Paris Review in 1991. "In the living room, beyond the two windows, was a little corner where my books were kept, and other thing—my watercolors and so

on. Often I had to imagine the things I needed. I learned very early to read amidst noise."

Grass added, mischievously: "As a child I was a great liar. Fortunately my mother liked my lies."

Starting in the mid-1950s, Grass was a member of Group 47, a gathering of German writers and critics that also included Heinrich Böll and Uwe Johnson and had the mission of ridding the German language of the stilted, overwrought style of the Nazi era. Grass worked on "The Tin Drum" with the help of a stipend from the publishing house Luchterhand.

"The annual meetings of Group 47 provided a context for us from which German literature could re-emerge," Grass, who cited the German writer Alfred Döblin and such Americans as Faulkner and Herman Melville as influences, told The Paris Review.

Despite initial shock in Germany over such a candid take on the then-recent Nazi reign, "The Tin Drum" became a

worldwide success—a fact that Grass told The Associated Press in 2009 surprised him. Asked to reflect why the book was so popular, he noted that it tackles one of the most daunting periods of German history by focusing on the minutiae in the lives of ordinary people.

Then he quipped: "Perhaps because it's a good book."

Grass—winner of the Nobel in 1999 and the picture of the urbane intellectual with his pipe, gravelly voice, bushy mustache and slightly disheveled look—became a force in Germany's cultural and political discussion.

He argued passionately, and unsuccessfully, against the reunification of East and West Germany after the 1989 tearing down of the Berlin Wall, fearing even the potential of German dominance. He wrote speeches for one of Germany's most prominent liberal politicians, Willy Brandt. To much criticism, he wrote a prose poem, "What Must Be Said," in which he assailed Germany for allegedly aiding Israel's nuclear program and worried that a military strike "could annihilate the Iranian people."

Grass had faulted Germans so often, and for so long, about not confronting the Nazi era, that his opponents took special delight when the author admitted to his own slip of memory. He had always acknowledged being a Nazi supporter in his youth, but in 2006 he revealed in his memoir "Skinning the Onion" that, as a teenager, he had served in the Waffen-SS, the combat arm of Hitler's notorious paramilitary organization.

Recalling the pull of Nazi propaganda, he said that when he was assigned to the 10th SS Panzer Division "Frundsberg" he found "nothing offensive" about the prospect.

HBO scientology film proves popular for network

NEW YORK (AP)—If the Church of Scientology was hoping that HBO's withering documentary on the religion's practices would pass by with little notice, that turned out to be a miscalculation.

"Going Clear: Scientology and the Prison of Belief" has been seen by more than 5.5 million people since its debut two weeks ago. It is likely to wind up being second only to a 2013 movie on Beyonce as the premium cable network's most-watched documentary of the past decade, HBO said Monday.

It has been an extraordinary two months for HBO's film unit. The six-part series on billionaire Robert Durst, "The Jinx," was a sensation with its climax reaching nearly 5 million viewers. Durst was arrested for murder on the eve of the series' last episode, in part due to evidence uncovered by the filmmakers.

The Church of Scientology ran a full-page advertisement in *The New York Times* denouncing the film before it ran, questioning whether "Going Clear" would turn out to be like *Rolling Stone* magazine's since-retracted story about an alleged sexual assault at the University of Virginia.

"I didn't think we expected this kind of noise and this kind of energy, but we'll take it," said Sheila Nevins, the veteran chief of HBO's documentary unit. "I didn't think it would be this controversial."

Director Alex Gibney made "Going Clear," based on the book by Lawrence Wright. Gibney also did "Mea Maxima Culpa: Silence in the House of God," an investigation into sex abuse in the Catholic Church, for HBO.

Although "Going Clear" details church attempts to respond aggressively to people questioning their practices, Nevins said she was surprised at how church lawyers and officials questioned the film and HBO before it aired.

"I really thought they would be smart to keep their mouths shut and let it go by," she said.

HBO's Beyonce film was seen by more than 9 million people, and both parts of a 2006 film on Hurricane Katrina reached more than 6 million viewers, according to the Nielsen company. Since HBO is still airing "Going Clear" regularly and it is available on demand and via stream, HBO said it expects this year's film to surpass the "When the Levees Broke" film.

Nevins said she's already worried about what she can do to follow up the current success.

"How do you match Durst going into the bathroom (and discussing the murders he stands accused of)?" she said. "How do you match people taking out a full-page ad in the New York Times and it's not your obituary?"

"The real problem for anxiety-prone people like me is what comes next," she said.

4 'Game of Thrones' episodes leaked as new season begins

LOS ANGELES (AP)—HBO says leaked episodes of "Game of Thrones" came from within a group given approval to receive them.

The premium cable channel said it is "actively assessing" how the breach occurred, declining Monday to provide further details.

Saturday's piracy occurred the day before "Game of Thrones" returned for its fifth season.

Four of the season's 10 epi-

sodes were leaked online to torrent sites. Within an hour, there were reportedly more than 1 million downloads of episode one.

Media critics and reporters are among those who routinely receive advance copies of HBO programs. The DVDs are marked with serial numbers to identify the recipients.

The leak comes on the heels of the launch of HBO Now, a stand-alone streaming service for fantasy drama "Game of

Thrones" and other HBO fare.

AP
In this image released by HBO, Daenerys Targaryen, portrayed by Emilia Clarke, appears in a scene from season four of "Game of Thrones."



Tim McGraw to headline Sandy Hook benefit concert in July

NEW YORK (AP)—Tim McGraw will headline a concert for Sandy Hook this summer and dedicate the proceeds to an organization aimed at protecting children from gun violence.

McGraw will perform at the XFINITY Theatre in Hartford, Connecticut, on July 17. All the proceeds will benefit the organization Sandy Hook Promise.

In 2012, 20 first-graders and six educators were killed in a massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown.

"Tim McGraw: A Concert for Sandy Hook Promise" will include McGraw's tour mates, Billy Currington and Chase Bryant. Special guests will be announced at a later date.

Tickets go on sale Friday.



In this Feb. 22, 2015 file photo, Tim McGraw performs at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

Kim Kardashian and Kanye have baby baptized in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP)—Kim Kardashian and husband Kanye West visited a centuries-old Armenian church in Jerusalem on Monday for the baptism of their daughter, North West.

The Kardashians fended off swooning fans as they entered the Saint James Cathedral in Jerusalem's Old City. Kardashian, appearing overwhelmed, clutched the tiny girl as she was escorted by West, her sister Khloe and hooded clergymen

"Stop," Kim Kardashian shouted to the crowd. "Stop! It's not safe for the baby," her sister added.

Archbishop Aris Shirvanyan, an Armenian church official, said the family had arrived for a baptism ceremony.

"Kim Kardashian's daughter will be baptized and become a Christian officially and a member of the Armenian church," Shirvanyan said, slightly perplexed by all the commotion. "All I know is that she's a fa-

mous personality. I don't know her in person. In any case she is welcome with her family."

There were no details on the ceremony, and the family left the church without speaking to reporters.

The members of reality TV's first family arrived in a private jet at Israel's international airport on Monday for what was described as a private two-day visit.

All were captured on camera disembarking their plane and

the images featured prominently on Israeli websites. They were quickly whisked away in a dark black SUV to a hotel in Jerusalem. Paparazzi did their best to keep up with their movements.

The celebrities arrived from a high-profile visit to Armenia, where the Kardashian family traces its roots.

They are expected to shoot some footage for their reality show in Jerusalem before moving on to Jordan.

Letterman packing his show with stars as end nears

NEW YORK (AP)—David Letterman is packing his final 28 shows as a late-night host with a who's who of Hollywood

names and favorites leading up to his May 20 swan song.

CBS announced Monday that his guests will include Bill

Murray, George Clooney, Steve Martin, Jerry Seinfeld, Robert Downey Jr., Will Ferrell, Tina Fey, Tom Hanks, Scarlett Jo-

hansson, Sarah Jessica Parker, Don Rickles, Julia Roberts, Ray Romano, Howard Stern, Oprah Winfrey, Martin Short, John Travolta, Michael J. Fox and Alec Baldwin.

And there will be others who haven't been announced yet. Musical guests will include Elvis Costello, Dave Matthews Band, Mumford and Sons, Norah Jones, Amos Lee and Tracy Chapman.

Letterman hasn't specified who, if anyone, will join him for his final show after 33 years on late-night TV.

Director Michelle MacLaren exits 'Wonder Woman'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Wonder Woman" is down a director.

Michelle MacLaren, a prolific television director known for her work on "Breaking Bad," "The Walking Dead," and "Game of Thrones," has departed the comic book film and its development due to creative

differences, Warner Bros. announced Monday.

MacLaren would have been the first woman to direct a major comic book adaptation in recent years. Patty Jenkins was originally scheduled to direct "Thor: The Dark World," but also departed for creative differences.

Gal Gadot is set to star in the film as the titular character, who will be introduced to audiences first in director Zack Snyder's "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," which bows on March 25, 2015.

No details were given on whether or not MacLaren's exit will impact the 2017 release.

Sexually active women must be vigilant about protection

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to warn as many other young women as I can about the dangers of unprotected sex. I thought I had met the man of my dreams. I knew from the beginning he had a girlfriend in his hometown, but he assured me he was breaking it off, so I didn't think twice about starting a relationship.

Well, she moved here and found out about us. He swore to me that there was no one else besides her and me. We have now discovered a third girl—his roommate—with whom he was involved.

Abby, he used no protection with any of us. He swore to us all that he always used it and was regularly tested for STDs. Another lie.

Now his former girlfriend thinks she may have picked up an STD from him, and we all have to be tested to ensure we don't have one.

I now know you can't trust anything you're being told unless there's proof. Go with the guy to get tested and demand to be there for the results. If you suspect (or know) he's seeing someone else, always use protection and insist he be tested regularly.

All three of us could have saved our hearts, our bodies and a lot of turmoil if we hadn't been so trusting. This has left a lasting impression, and now we wonder whether we will be able to trust another man again.

AWAITING THE RESULTS

DEAR AWAITING: Your "boyfriend" was dishonest and irresponsible. You can't be blamed for feeling bitter. Now might be a good time to re-evaluate whether premarital sex is worth the headache and the heartache.

That said, I can't help but wonder how you intended to avoid infection if you and the man of your dreams were having unprotected sex.

Please take this sad experience as a wake-up call, and schedule an appointment with your doctor to discuss all of the consequences that may result from unprotected sex in the 21st century. There are many—and an inability to trust is among the least of them. If a man doesn't protect his partner, then it's up to her to protect herself—both from pregnancy and from sexually transmitted diseases, which are rampant.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently bought a new cellphone and was assigned a number by the company that sold it to me. I have been receiving calls and messages for the person who had the number before it was given to me. While the number of the person calling or texting comes up, I do not know the numbers of all my friends and associates, so I have been accepting the calls or texts.

At first, I would let the caller or texter know that the person he/she was trying to reach no longer had this number. However, it takes up my

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expensive minutes to make those replies. Am I under any obligation to contact these folks, or can I just ignore their contacts?

POLITE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR POLITE: No rule of etiquette "compels" you to respond to these callers and texters, so consider yourself off the hook.

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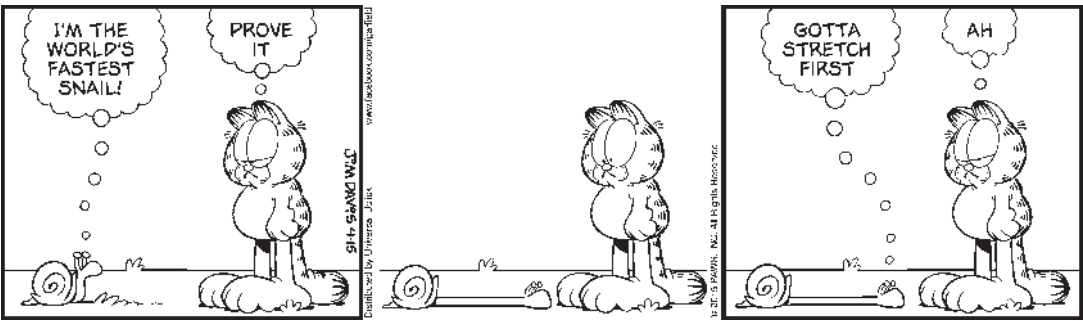
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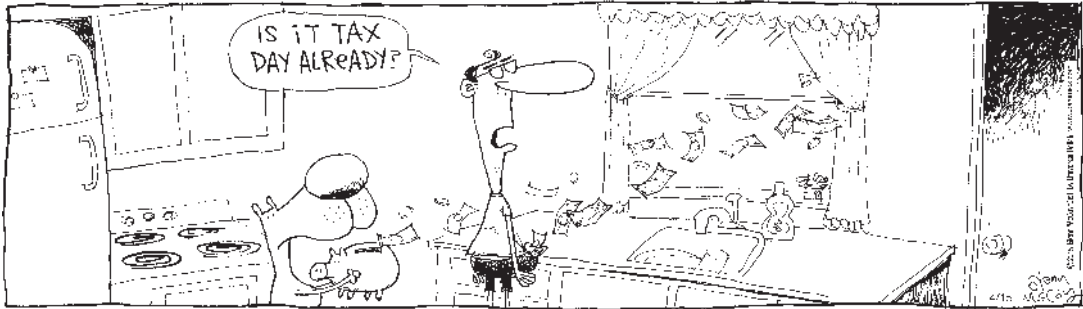
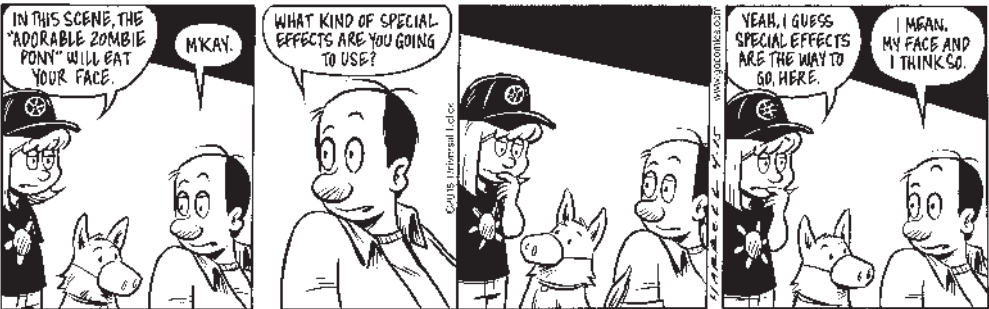


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Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterdays answer 4-15

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Emma Watson, 25; Seth Rogen, 33; Emma Thompson, 56; Roy Clark, 82.

Happy Birthday: Act on your instincts and keep close tabs on what others are doing and saying this year. It's important not to overreact or give in to demands. Make changes based on what will bring you the highest returns. It's time to follow the path you've been dreaming about for some time. Stop procrastinating and you will get ahead. Your numbers are 7, 15, 21, 26, 32, 37, 40.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of your responsibilities so that you can get on with the things you enjoy. You'll discover valuable information from someone you encounter in a competition. Love is in the stars, but don't let it cost you financially. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A proactive approach to whatever you do will help you set a high standard and bring about favorable lifestyle changes. An emotional situation must be handled carefully to avoid a mishap or loss. Don't be fooled by someone's sob story. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A change will take place within your personal and professional relationships. Do your best to keep the peace until you feel you have the upper hand. Reconnect with people you feel have something to offer you. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Forget about what's going on around you. Don't let anyone coerce you into something you don't want to do or can't afford. Focus on home, family and stabilizing your situation as well as altering your surroundings to better suit your needs. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look at the big picture and make changes that are worth your while. Avoid anyone trying to push you into being impractical or overindulgent. Don't take on more than you can handle. Strive for greater security, not on accumulating more unnecessary stuff. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may feel like shaking things up a bit, but if you overdo it or you are impulsive, you will end up making a mistake you'll regret. Stick to what you know and protect your assets. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't fear change. Use your intelligence and memory to help you maneuver through whatever you face. Your intuition is on point, and with proper application of your skills, you will

advance. Don't let personal matters interfere with your productivity. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Help someone in need. Don't fret over the little things. Overreacting will lead to setbacks. An incident will alter the way you think or live. Don't make physical or emotional changes. Do the necessary research and proceed with caution. ****

EUGENIA LAST THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid unpredictable people or anyone trying to force changes you don't want to make. Look at your situation at home and figure out a way to cut corners. Lowering your overhead using creative accounting will also ease your stress. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen carefully. You'll be inclined to hear what you want to hear instead of what's being said. Step back and consider the changes that will help you the most. The plan should be to get ahead by doing something you enjoy. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your intuition and imagination will be overactive when dealing with emotional matters. Avoid being judgmental and you will be less likely to face opposition from others. Don't lose sight of your goals and plans. ***

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SUDOKU Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

Difficulty Level **

WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

WALL HEARINGS Solution: 10 letters

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Abstain, Agents, Arrest, Bill, Bond, Cases, Cash, Charges, Cite Out, Clerk, Cost, Court, Crime, Crown, Custody, Date, Fee, Friend, Held, History, Impose, Judge, Lawyer, Money, Obey, Order, Plea, Police, Post, Promise, Property, Record, Relative, Release, Report, Representative, Requests, Secretary, Stop, Summons, Surety, Suspect, Term, Time, Trial, Video

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Pelicans close in on playoff berth with win over Wolves



MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Anthony Davis had 24 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks to move the New Orleans Pelicans one step closer to a playoff berth with a 100-88 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday.

Tyreke Evans added 22 points and five assists and Eric Gordon scored 22 for the Pelicans (44-37). They only need one more win—or an Oklahoma City loss—to clinch a playoff spot in the rugged Western Conference. They have the same record as Oklahoma City, but hold the tie-breaker heading into the season finale Wednesday against San Antonio.

Zach LaVine had 24 points, seven assists and five rebounds for the Timberwolves. After the New York Knicks beat Atlanta on Monday, the Wolves now have the worst record in the NBA.

Thunder 101, Blazers 90

In Oklahoma City, Russell Westbrook scored 36 points as the Thunder beat the Trail Blazers to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Westbrook picked up his 16th technical at Indiana on Sunday, which would have been an automatic one-game suspension. It was rescinded on Monday, allowing him to play in a critical game for the Thunder.

Enes Kanter added 27 points and 13 rebounds for the Thunder, who would have been eliminated from the Western Conference playoff race with a loss.

Warriors 111, Grizzlies 107

In Oakland, California, Klay Thompson scored 26 of his 42 points in a sensational second quarter as the Warriors beat the undermanned Grizzlies.

Thompson finished 15 of 21 from the floor, including 8 of 10 from 3-point range, to help the top-seeded Warriors tune up for the NBA playoffs with another impressive performance.

Golden State led by 32 points in the third quarter before resting its regulars.

The Grizzlies slipped to sixth in the Western Conference standings, a game behind San Antonio and Houston in the Southwest Division.

Clippers 110, Nuggets 103

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin scored 22 points and DeAndre Jordan had a double-double as the Clippers eked out a victory over the Nuggets, moving Los Angeles into a three-way tie with San Antonio and Houston for the No. 2 playoff seed in the West.

Jordan had 20 points and 21 rebounds—making a pair of clutch free throws with 2:49 to go—and J.J. Redick scored 20 points in their sixth straight win. Griffin just missed a triple-



AP
New Orleans Pelicans Anthony Davis dunks against the Minnesota Timberwolves in the half of an NBA basketball game Monday, April 13, 2015, in Minneapolis.

double, finishing with nine rebounds and eight assists.

Bulls 113, Nets 86

In New York, Nikola Mirotic scored 26 points and Pau Gasol had 22 points and 11 rebounds as the Bulls clinched home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs with a victory over the Nets.

The Nets fell into ninth place in the Eastern Conference and will need a win Wednesday and a loss by Indiana in at least one of its final two games to reach the postseason.

Cavaliers 109, Pistons 97

In Cleveland, LeBron James returned from a day off to record a triple-double as the Cavaliers got ready for the playoffs with a win over the Pistons.

James had 21 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds as the Cavs improved to 33-9 since Jan. 15.

J.R. Smith made eight 3-pointers and scored 28 and Timofey Mozgov had 13 rebounds for the Cavs, who sat James and three other starters in a 117-78 loss at Boston on Sunday.

Bucks 107, 76ers 97

In Philadelphia, Michael Carter-Williams matched his season-high with 30 points in his first game back in Philadelphia to lead the playoff-bound Bucks to a victory over the 76ers.

O.J. Mayo and Ersan Ilyasova had 13 points apiece and Giannis Antetokounmpo chipped in 12 for the Bucks, who capped a turnaround from the NBA's worst record last season with a playoff berth with Sunday's win over the Nets.

Rockets 100, Hornets 90

In Charlotte, North Carolina, James Harden scored 29 points and Josh Smith had a double-double as the Rockets defeated the Hornets for the ninth straight time.

Harden was only 7 of 20 from the field, but did plenty of damage from the free throw line where he was 14 of 16.

Smith added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who moved back into a tie with San

Antonio for first place in the Southwest Division with one game remaining in the season.

Knicks 112, Hawks 108

In Atlanta, rookie Langston Galloway scored a career-high 26 points, hitting all six of his 3-point attempts, as the Knicks stunned the playoff-bound Hawks.

The Knicks led by 17 in the first half and held off several furious comebacks by the Hawks. Atlanta came into its

final home game of the regular season having long ago clinched the top seed in the East and leading New York by 44 games in the standings.

Heat 100, Magic 93

In Miami, Hassan Whiteside tied a career high with 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and Dwyane Wade scored 22 points as the Heat kept their playoff hopes alive with a win over the Magic.

Luol Deng scored 14 points and Goran Dragic finished

Teams battle for NBA playoff berths, seeds at end of season

With two days left in the NBA's regular season, the playoffs virtually have already begun for a handful of teams.

Meanwhile, some of the league's elite are jockeying not only for top seeds, which decide matchups, but also for the right to host playoff games. Home-court advantage is determined solely by record, not by seeding or division crowns.

In the Western Conference, Anthony Davis and the resilient Pelicans are tantalizingly close to edging out injury-plagued Oklahoma City for the conference's eighth and final playoff position. It would be New Orleans' first postseason appearance since coach Monty Williams' first season in 2010-11, when he had Chris Paul and David West.

Since then, the Pelicans have completely overhauled their roster to build around Davis, their All-Star forward who was the first overall draft pick in 2012.

At 44-37 entering Tuesday, New Orleans already has its first winning record in four seasons. A win at home against San Antonio in Wednesday night's

regular-season finale puts the Pelicans in the playoffs.

"We've worked for this, after stripping our program down and rebuilding it," Pelicans coach Monty Williams said Monday night. "This is a step for us. We want to embrace this thing and try to get through it."

"There will be some nerves," Williams conceded. "This is part of going to the next level as a team and as an individual. You can't run from it."

In the East, Boston, under second-year coach Brad Stevens, was assured a playoff spot when Chicago beat Brooklyn. The Nets still have a chance to beat out Indiana and Miami for the eighth seed.

At the top of the standings, teams that qualified for the postseason weeks ago still have plenty at stake. San Antonio, Houston, Memphis and the Los Angeles Clippers all entered Tuesday within one game of each other as they battle for the second-best record in the West behind Golden State, which would guarantee one of them home-court advantage at least through the first two rounds.

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Here's a look at some of the playoff possibilities to be sorted out by Wednesday.

PELICANS-THUNDER:

Thanks in no small part to Davis' winning, fall-away 3 as time expired in Oklahoma City earlier this season, the Pelicans hold the tiebreaker after winning three of four games against the Thunder. With both winning Monday night they have identical records with one game left. If the Pelicans can't beat San Antonio, they'd need Oklahoma City to also lose Wednesday to league-worst Minnesota.

"It's a great San Antonio team. We know that we can beat them. We have done so in the past," Davis said on the Pelicans' Fox Sports New Orleans broadcast Monday night. "It's going to be a tough game and we're just excited knowing we control our own destiny."

BOSTON'S BACK: Boston, which missed the playoffs a season ago, currently holds the seventh seed. With Brooklyn's loss Monday, the worst the Celt-

with 13 points, eight assists and seven rebounds for the Heat, who still need a win at Philadelphia on Wednesday and help in three other games to make the postseason for the seventh straight year.

Jazz 109, Mavericks 92

In Salt Lake City, Rudy Gobert had 20 points, 17 rebounds and three blocks to help the Jazz.

Both teams were extremely short-handed with the coaches deciding to sit several stars. Gordon Hayward (Achilles tendon), Trey Burke (back) and Derrick Favors (coach's decision) did not play for the Jazz. Dirk Nowitzki, Tyson Chandler and Monta Ellis were all rested for the playoff-bound Mavs.

Kings 102, Lakers 92

In Sacramento, California, Omri Casspi had 26 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the Kings.

The victory ended a three-game losing streak for the Kings, who outscored the Lakers 27-18 in the fourth period to avoid their ninth loss in 10 games.

Jordan Clarkson scored 15 points of his 23 points in the second half for the Lakers, who suited up only nine players. Both Jordan Hill had and Jabari Brown had 18 points. Los Angeles has dropped seven of eight.

ics can finish is eighth, but only if they lose their last two games and Indiana wins its last two.

HEAT'S HOPE:

At 36-45 after a victory Monday night over Orlando, Miami is still alive, but needs to win its last game, and needs Brooklyn to lose again and Indiana to lose its last two. Indiana hosts Washington on Tuesday night and visits Memphis on Wednesday. Brooklyn finishes at home against Orlando on Wednesday, when Miami closes at Philadelphia.

WEST'S BEST:

Because division winners can be seeded no worse than fourth, that's where Portland (51-30) will end up. And though the Trail Blazers won the Northwest Division, they'll open the playoffs on the road. San Antonio, Houston and Memphis are all in contention for the Southwest Division crown. Those three teams, along with the Clippers, all will finish with better records than Portland. The Spurs, Rockets and Clippers are 55-26, while the Grizzlies are 54-27.

Royals remain unbeaten with 12-3 romp over Twins



MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—

Kansas City has picked up right where it left off. Behind some torrid hitting and an impenetrable bullpen, the Royals are the only unbeaten team left in the majors.

Danny Duffy pitched into the seventh inning and Kendrys Morales homered in a 12-3 romp over the Minnesota Twins on Monday, moving the defending AL champions to 7-0 for the second-best start in Kansas City's history behind the 2003 club that won nine in a row to begin the season.

"There's a great mix here of young and veteran players that feed off each other," Morales said. "The young players got a lot of energy, which helps the experienced players. It's a real good clubhouse."

Detroit was the only other undefeated team left until a 5-4 loss at Pittsburgh earlier in the day.

Duffy (1-0) went 6 1-3 innings, giving up three runs. He is 4-1 with a 2.37 ERA in his career against the Twins and is undefeated in four starts at Target Field.

"It's a long season," Duffy said. "Obviously you hear that every day, but we're just kind of keeping it all in front of us."

The Twins were better off with a put-it-all-behind-them approach.

"We didn't play Twins baseball. I don't know what we played. Bad News Bears baseball, I guess," right fielder Torii Hunter said. "Just got to do better."

The Twins lost their fourth straight home opener, though they still packed the place with an over-capacity crowd of 40,123 on a 61-degree day. Hunter tipped his helmet to acknowledge the standing ovation during his first at-bat, but the cheers were scant the rest of the afternoon.

The Twins used four pitchers in a six-run eighth by the Royals, who did their damage on only two singles to accompany three walks, two hit batters, an error and a passed ball. Shortstop Danny Santana let a bases-loaded grounder bounce out of his glove with no outs.

Hunter was charged with a throwing error in the sixth, too, letting a run score. New manager Paul Molitor has so far had his hands full.

"We're trying to find a way to put an offense together that's a little more consistent. So far it really hasn't clicked too well," Molitor said.

The Royals have sure been rolling. Alcides Escobar, Lorenzo Cain on his 29th birthday and Eric Hosmer each drove in two runs for Kansas City, which had five players tally two hits apiece. Manager Ned Yost was asked afterward what has stood out from his team's strong start.



AP
Kansas City Royals' Alex Rios (15) congratulates teammate Kendrys Morales (25) during the first inning after Morales solo home run off Minnesota Twins' Trevor May in a baseball game, Monday, April 13, 2015 in Minneapolis.

down 3-0 after the first, but pitched into the seventh without allowing another run. He won his ninth consecutive decision over a 10-game stretch.

Both homers by the Angels off Ross Detwiler (0-2) came with runners on base after walks. Cowgill's first of the season tied the game at 3, and Freese's third made it 5-3.

Cubs 7, Reds 6, 10 innings

In Chicago, Jorge Soler homered twice and Arismendy Alcantara had a game-ending RBI single in the 10th inning to lift the Cubs over the Reds.

Chris Coghlan had three hits and a homer as the Cubs came back from three runs down to overcame a rough start by Jon Lester, who gave up six runs and 10 hits in six innings as his ERA ballooned to 7.84.

Brandon Phillips had four hits for the Reds, while Marlon Byrd and Jay Bruce each drove in two runs.

Hector Rondon (1-0) gave up two hits in the top of the 10th to pick up the win.

Manny Parra (0-1) was the loser.

Braves 3, Marlins 2

In Atlanta, Alberto Callaspo hit a tiebreaking single in Atlanta's two-run fifth inning and the Braves held off Miami in the ninth to beat the Marlins in a game slowed by two rain delays.

Shelby Miller (1-0) allowed one run in five innings as the Braves bounced back from their first loss and handed the Marlins their sixth defeat in seven games.

Jason Grilli gave up a run-scoring single in the ninth but earned his fourth save.

Matt Latos (0-2) gave up three runs, two earned, on five hits and three walks in four-plus innings.

Diamondbacks 8, Padres 4

In San Diego, Ender Inciarte hit two doubles and a triple and drove in a career-high four runs to lead the Diamondbacks to a victory against the Padres.

Inciarte hit a two-run double in the second, when the Diamondbacks scored four unearned runs on five hits off Andrew Cashner (0-2) and an error, and a two-run triple in the three-run eighth to help break it open. He also doubled and scored in the seventh.

Rubby De La Rosa (2-0) held San Diego to three runs and six hits in six innings for his second straight win.

"Their energy. Their focus. Their intensity," Yost said. "They're just a real confident group."

The bullpen hasn't been scored on yet, either, with 21 strikeouts in 19 innings.

Dodgers 6, mariners 5, 10 innings

In Los Angeles, Alex Guerrero hit a bases-loaded single with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning, completing the Dodgers comeback from a four-run deficit for a victory over the Mariners.

Nelson Cruz hit two of the Mariners' four home runs off Brandon McCarthy. Yasiel Puig homered and Howie Kendrick had a tying RBI single in the fifth for Los Angeles.

Dominic Leone (0-1), working his third inning of relief loaded the bases on Andre Ethier's double and two walks, one intentional to Adrian Gonzalez. Tyler Olsons relieved, and after an out, Guerrero lined a 2-2 pitch to right-center to end Seattle's third straight extra-inning game.

Yimi Garcia (1-0) pitched a perfect inning to get his first MLB victory.

Rockies 2, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Eddie Butler outdueled fellow rookie Chris Heston and the Colorado Rockies spoiled San Francisco's latest World Series championship celebration at the Giants' home opener.

Troy Tulowitzki, back in the lineup after a day off, hit an RBI single in the fourth inning against Heston (1-1). San Francisco raised its third World Series winning flag in five years before the game.

Butler (1-0) tossed 5 1-3 innings of five-hit ball, walking six. Rafael Betancourt struck out two in a perfect

ninth for his first save since August 2013.

Pirates 5, Tigers 4

In Pittsburgh, Gerrit Cole shut down baseball's top-hitting team, allowing one run in six-plus innings as the Pittsburgh Pirates handed the Detroit Tigers their first loss of the season.

The Tigers were trying to match the 7-0 start set by the 1984 club that went on to win the World Series.

Cole (1-0) struck out eight and walked two while giving up three hits in the Pirates' home opener. Josh Harrison, Pedro Alvarez and Corey Hart homered for Pittsburgh.

Anibal Sanchez (1-1) surrendered five runs in 6 1-3 innings. Miguel Cabrera went 2 for 4 with an RBI double.

Red Sox 9, Nationals 4

In Boston, Mookie Betts hit a three-run homer, jumped to take away a home run from Bryce Harper and stole two bases on the same pitch, leading the Boston Red Sox over Washington in their home opener.

Rick Porcello (1-1) won his Fenway Park debut, allowing four hits in eight innings. Ryan Zimmerman and Danny Espinosa homered off Porcello.

The Red Sox rolled to an 8-0 lead after three innings against Jordan Zimmermann (1-1).

Ortiz homered in the sixth.

Mets 2, Phillies 0

In New York, National League Rookie of the Year Jacob deGrom and the New York Mets won their home opener, shutting down Philadelphia.

DeGrom (1-1) gave up seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Daniel Murphy doubled in the fourth, advanced on a flyout and scored when Juan

Lagares got a hit that Aaron Harang (1-1) knocked down with his glove and couldn't throw to first in time.

Brewers 5, Cardinals 4

In St. Louis, Matt Garza overcame five walks to earn his first career win in St. Louis and Carlos Gomez had two hits and an RBI for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Adam Wainwright (1-1) gave up five runs—three earned—in seven innings.

Francisco Rodriguez earned his first save, helping himself with the defensive play of the game when he reached behind his head and snared Jhonny Peralta's liner leading off the ninth.

Garza (1-1) allowed two runs—one earned—in 5 2-3 innings to win for the first time in six career starts in St. Louis. He entered 0-2 with a 6.95 ERA.

Rays 2, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Jake Odorizzi pitched eight impressive innings and the Rays scored on two bases-loaded walks by R.A. Dickey to beat the Blue Jays.

Odorizzi (2-0) allowed one run and two hits, improving to 2-0 with a 2.00 ERA in four career starts against the Blue Jays. The right-hander set down the final eight batters he faced before Brad Boxberger finished for his third save.

After Desmond Jennings and Allan Dykstra singled to begin the fourth, Dickey (0-1) retired the next two batters but then walked three in a row, including 3-2 passes to David DeJesus and Steven Souza.

Dickey allowed two runs and three hits in six innings, walked five and struck out six.

Yankees 6, Orioles 5

In Baltimore, Stephen Drew

delivered a pinch-hit grand slam in the seventh inning, and the Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles for their first winning streak of the season.

Down 4-2, the Yankees loaded the bases with two outs before Drew connected on a 3-1 pitch from Tommy Hunter (0-1). It was his second homer in two games and New York's first pinch-hit slam since Jorge Posada did it in 2001 against the Orioles.

Drew was batting for Brett Gardner, who hurt his right wrist in the first inning after being hit by a pitch from Wei-Yin Chen.

Adam Jones had three hits, including a home run, for Baltimore. Jones is 10 for 14 with three homers and seven RBIs in his last four games.

Michael Pineda (1-0) gave up five runs and nine hits with nine strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings for the Yankees.

Athletics 8, Astros 1

In Houston, Billy Butler hit a three-run homer and Marcus Semien and Brett Lawrie connected to back a solid start by Scott Kazmir and give the Athletics a win over the Astros.

Kazmir (2-0) allowed three hits and one run while striking out eight in six innings.

Jose Altuve had three hits of Houston's five hits, including a solo home run in the fourth inning.

Houston starter Scott Feldman (0-2) yielded 10 hits and eight runs—seven earned—in five innings for the loss.

Angels 6, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Texas, Collin Cowgill and David Freese each hit two-run homers in the fifth inning for the Angels, who rallied from an early deficit to beat the Rangers.

Matt Shoemaker (2-0) was

WSR clinches back-to-back crowns

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 Williams S. Reyes Elementary School bagged its second straight championship in the Public School System Girls Basketball Tournament following a 10-6 victory against Oleai Elementary School last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Kingfishers successfully defended the girls title they won against Koblerville last year despite playing with a depleted lineup in the weekend tournament. Only Sharmine and Shakira Francisco, Angel Salazar, Kristine Itaas, and Paulynn Grace Joyce suited up in WSR's first two games before Jayce Gilles joined the team in the title match against Oleai. Other team members, Karina Costales, Tricia Salcedo, and Reanna Ramarui, had to skip the tournament to attend the National Junior Honor Society induction.

"We played without subs in the first two games and won over Koblerville and Oleai. We tried our best to let everybody play, but there was a conflict in the schedule, so what I did was tell the players to pace themselves well so they will still have the energy in case we make it to the finals," said Melissa Dickinson, who called the shots for WSR as her fellow coach, Jerry Diaz, had to attend a seminar on the same day of the tournament.

Each game in the weekend competition was played in two seven-minute halves.

"She texted me right away after the girls won. They really played hard and stayed together. Coach Melissa told me they showed great communication



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Members of the William S. Reyes Elementary school girls basketball team and coaches Jerry Diaz, left, and Melissa Dickinson, back row, pose for a group photo yesterday at WSR grounds.

and teamwork. They put into play what we did in practice," Diaz said.

The back-to-back champions practiced for six weeks, three times a week, to prepare for the short tournament.

"We usually had one to one and a half hours of practice and sometimes the girls wanted more. We taught them the basic fundamentals, like dribbling, passing, and making a layup. We let them practice with our boys team and I think that helped them because they picked up some skills from our boys," Diaz added.

Majority of WSR's female players are new to basketball

so teaching them the fundamentals was a challenge to both Dickinson and Diaz. However, both coaches commended the players' willingness to learn and work as a team, while Diaz made special mention of Joyce, who showed some skills during practices.

Joyce scored the bulk of WSR's points in the three games, but said the victories were products of team effort.

"We worked and communicate together on the court. We focus and did not blame someone if a mistake is made. We helped each other out," Joyce said.

Diaz and Dickinson also pointed out that before the tournament started they emphasized to the players the importance of communication and confidence. "We want them to be confi-

dent in taking those shots and dribbling and passing the ball. They were also reminded to keep talking to each other on the court," Diaz said.

Asked if they expected to win last weekend's tournament, Dickinson said all they wanted was to give their best shot since they knew they lacked manpower.

"But they pulled it off and we won. Next year, we will be ready to defend the championship," she ended.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	48	32	.600	—
x-Boston	38	42	.475	10
Brooklyn	37	44	.457	11½
Philadelphia	18	63	.222	30½
New York	17	64	.210	31½

Southeast Division

z-Atlanta	60	21	.741	—
x-Washington	46	34	.575	13½
Miami	36	45	.444	24
Charlotte	33	48	.407	27
Orlando	25	56	.309	35

Central Division

y-Cleveland	52	29	.642	—
x-Chicago	49	32	.605	3
x-Milwaukee	41	40	.506	11
Indiana	37	43	.463	14½
Detroit	31	50	.383	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division

x-San Antonio	55	26	.679	—
x-Houston	55	26	.679	—
x-Memphis	54	27	.667	1
x-Dallas	49	32	.605	6
New Orleans	44	37	.543	11

Northwest Division

y-Portland	51	30	.630	—
Oklahoma City	44	37	.543	7
Utah	38	43	.469	13
Denver	30	51	.370	21
Minnesota	16	65	.198	35

Pacific Division

z-Golden State	66	15	.815	—
x-L.A. Clippers	55	26	.679	11
Phoenix	39	42	.481	27
Sacramento	28	53	.346	38
L.A. Lakers	21	60	.259	45

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	2	.714	—
Tampa Bay	4	3	.571	1
Toronto	4	3	.571	1
Baltimore	3	4	.429	2
New York	3	4	.429	2

Central Division

Kansas City	7	0	1.000	—
Detroit	6	1	.857	1
Chicago	2	4	.333	4½
Cleveland	2	4	.333	4½
Minnesota	1	6	.143	6

West Division

Oakland	4	4	.500	—
Houston	3	4	.429	½
Los Angeles	3	4	.429	½
Seattle	3	4	.429	½
Texas	3	5	.375	1

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Atlanta	6	1	.857	—
New York	4	3	.571	2
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	3
Washington	2	5	.286	4
Miami	1	6	.143	5

Central Division

Chicago	4	2	.667	—
Cincinnati	4	3	.571	½
St. Louis	3	3	.500	1
Pittsburgh	3	4	.429	1½
Milwaukee	2	5	.286	2½

West Division

Colorado	5	2	.714	—
Arizona	4	3	.571	1
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	1
San Diego	4	4	.500	1½
San Francisco	3	5	.375	2½

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Caleb, Ezekiel win last regular season games

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Caleb and Ezekiel closed out the regular season of the 4th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League by winning their respective matches last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Caleb dominated Joshua in the regular season's penultimate game, 84-73, while Ezekiel outclassed Gideon in the last tiff, 73-66, to gain some confidence heading into the playoff round.

The playoffs will start this Friday with the fourth-ranked Ezekiel, which finished with a 3-4 record, having an early rematch against the fifth-seeded Gideon (3-4) as they collide at 6:30pm. In the second playoff game at 8pm, No. 1 finisher Daniel (7-0) will take on the winless (0-7) and cellar dweller Samuel. The other playoff pairings are third-ranked Isaiah (5-2) ver-

sus the sixth-seeded Jeremiah (2-5) and second placer Caleb (6-1) against the seventh-ranked Joshua (2-5) and they will play on Monday. The playoff round has a single-elimination format.

Caleb secured the No. 2 seed in the playoffs and gained its sixth win after drawing another solid game from Michael Cabanas and Nathan Borromeo, who combined for more than half of the team's total production. Cabanas had a game-high 28 points, while Borromeo chipped in 20.

The 1-2 scoring punch broke into double figures early in the first half with Cabanas recording 16 and Borromeo contributing 10 as they lifted Caleb to a 44-34 halftime lead.

At the resumption of the match, Joshua failed to neutralize Cabanas and Borromeo, who totaled for 22 more points to keep Caleb's double-digit winning margin.

Joshua couldn't muster a counter attack against Caleb, as it lacked enough manpower with only six players available for the match and only five made it to the board against the nine of the winning squad. Donnel Isip paced Joshua with his 26 points.

In the second game, Ezekiel built a good lead in the first half and withstood Gideon's repeated comeback bids in the second en route to the 7-point win.

Ezekiel led by as much as 13 in the first half, 40-27, as it spread the wealth in the opening frame, and retained the twin-digit advantage at the break, 43-33. Four Ezekiel players canned at least three field goals apiece in their balance scoring in the first half with Mike Surima registering 11, Vhoie Francia adding 10, and Noel Conti and Aaron Irog chipping in 8 and 6, respectively. Surima and company slowed

singles game against Bakhodirova, 1-6, 4-6.

Vanuatu's Andrew Mailtorock coached the Pacific Oceania Junior Fed Cup Team, which received congratulatory remarks posted at the Oceania Tennis' Facebook account for making it to the Top 16 in Asia and Pacific.

Meanwhile, top-ranked Australia, China, fourth-seeded

gles match, 6-7 (3), 4-6.

With its third place finish in Group B, Pacific Oceania was relegated to the playoff matches for the ninth to 16th spot and faced a familiar foe in Sri Lanka in the first playoff round last Sunday. Kamoe gave Pacific Oceania its first win after finishing off Rukshika Wijesooriya in the first singles, 6-3, 6-4, while Ackerman bowed to Medhira Samarasinghe, 5-7, 1-6. Kamoe came back in the doubles match and partnered with Rengiil in topping past

Wijesooriya and Janali Manaperi, 6-3, 6-1.

The unranked Pacific Oceania made it two in a row in the playoffs and finished No. 13 after pulling off an upset against the eighth-seeded Uzbekistan. Again, Kamoa handed Pacific Oceania two victories, as she prevailed in the first singles match against Veleriya Vorobyova, 6-0, 6-3, and joined forces with Rengiil in slipping past Vorobyova and Laylo Bakhodirova in the doubles, 7-6 (6), 6-2. Ackerman lost the second

a 21-14, 21-18 triumph over Deether Edralin, who later partnered with Jordan Pangilinan, Janelle's older brother, in pulling off a hard-earned 21-16, 21-19 victory over the Korean pair of Youngson Yu and Joongmin Lee in the men's A doubles.

Loyda Ito was crowned the women's singles B champion after Havika Farro defaulted the first game. Ito sealed her title win with a 21-15 decision in the second game.

Lee and Oh Imbog bested Jun Lee and Hanchool Yu in the men's doubles B finals, 21-12, 21-17, while Lucelle Lampera

and Marylyn Montano downed the youthful pair of Farro and Malasarte, 21-16, 10-21, 21-19, in the women's doubles B.

Jordan Pangilinan (men's singles A), Owen Ou (men's singles C), Malasarte (women's singles B), and Santos (women's singles C), Galvez and Zeke Macario (men's doubles A), Joel Ortega and Edwin Montoya (men's doubles B), Jun Kim and A.J. Ortega (men's doubles C), Julie Lee and Rowena Sison (women's doubles A and women's doubles B), and Patricia Abantao and Mykki Caracut (women's doubles C) were the third placers.

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umph over the Philippines and then closing out with a 0-3 defeat at the hands of Thailand.

Against the Philippines, Ackerman delivered the two victories for Pacific Oceania. She swept Chrislyn Colleen Sioson in the second singles game, 6-1, 6-4, and teamed up with Kamoa in downing Sioson and Frances Angelica Santiago in the deciding doubles, 6-3, 6-1. Kamoa fell to Santiago in the first sin-

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C singles after a 21-16, 16-21, 21-19 win over Daniel Kim then teamed up with his opponent in ruling the doubles side with a 21-15, 21-15 decision over Hajin Oh and Nathan Guerrero.

Reyes, on the other hand, won the women's C singles by walkover against Irish Pagarao then joined Baby Banadera in completing a 21-15, 21-11 decision over the pair of Gigi Zapanta and Lani Santos.

Andreau Galvez clinched the men's A singles crown with

2015 Escape from Managaha

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Jin Ju Thompson smiles as she gets out of the water during last Saturday's Escape from Managaha.



Jinie Thompson rushes out of the water.



Akira Kadokura heads to shore.



Ayaka Sato smiles as she looks at the volunteers waiting for her to finish the 2.4-kilometer race.



Kathy Ruzala takes her time before heading to the finish line.



Salofi Welch checks on the swimmers behind him.



Angel Marie Tan runs after a tough crossing from Managaha to Micro Beach.



Christopher Tenorio, left, and Avra Heller exchange high-fives after surviving the tough swim.



Angel De Jesus is greeted by a volunteer at the finish line.



Atsuko Sato smiles as the crowd eggs her to sprint to the finish line.



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Strong finish for Pacific Oceania



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From left, Pacific Oceania coach Andrew Maitorock, the CNMI's Tammy Ackerman, Palau's Ayana Rengiil, and Fiji's Mulan Kamoe pose for a photo during a break in the last qualifying tournament for the 2015 Junior Fed Cup World Finals in Australia last week.

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The CNMI's Tammy Ackerman, Palau's Ayana Rengiil, and Fiji's Mulan Kamoe won their playoff games in the last qualifier for the 2015 Junior Fed Cup World Finals in Australia.

The trio represented Pacific Oceania in the qualifier and prevailed against Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan in similar scores, 2-1, to assure the squad a slot to the 2016 final qualifying tournament. Before competing in Australia, Ackerman and company had to participate in the 2015 Junior Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Pre Qualifying in Malaysia last month and they went on to rule the event, beating Sri Lanka to advance in



the last qualifier.

In the final qualifier, Pacific Oceania was placed in Group B along with second-ranked China, No. 6 Thailand, and the Philippines. Ackerman and her teammates finished third in the pool with their 1-2 record, dropping their debut against China, 0-3, before bouncing back with a 2-1 tri-

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Atalig, Dela Cruz pair strikes again

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The veteran pair of J.J. Atalig and Joey Dela Cruz ruled Mariana Resort & Spa's 37th Anniversary golf tournament held last Saturday at the Marianas Country Club.

Atalig and Dela Cruz scored 62.5 to beat the tandem of Manny Mangarero and Tars Olopai, who recorded 63.5, in the double Peoria tournament. Kim Jun and Kim Bong Chun placed third with a 65.

Atalig and Dela Cruz won a six-month free golf at MCC, while Mangarero and Olopai earned a free pass for three months. Kim Jun and Kim Bong Chun went home with free golf coupons.

It was Atalig's third straight crown since winning the Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic last year. He and Dela Cruz also topped the two-man

scramble best ball-format 2014 Steven Brownstein/Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic.

Longtime par-busters Harry

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Pangilinan leads Sun Palace badminton champs

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Janelle Pangilinan dethroned two-time women's singles A champion Hannah Choi then teamed up with Nicole Malasarte to clinch the women's doubles crown to lead the list of champions in the Sun Palace Singles and Doubles Competition 2015.

The finals of the third edition of the annual tournament was played over the weekend at

the TSL Sports Complex with Mikiya Takahashi and Vilma Reyes also becoming double titlists in the men's and women's C divisions, respectively.

Pangilinan bounced back from losing the first game in completing a 20-22, 21-17, 21-16 win over the veteran Choi, who was aiming to win a third straight crown in the tough women's A division.



The Marianas High School 10th grader, who started playing badminton when she was 11 in 2011, was visibly nervous as she trailed for most part of the opening game. She was down by three, 19-16, but managed to win three straight points to force a tie.

Choi moved to game point, but Pangilinan forced a deuce before conceding the next two points for a 22-20 count in favor of the veteran netter.

Pangilinan, who won her first singles crown in the A division after being promoted from B last year, eventually settled in and played differently in the second game as she made her opponent work the entire court.

The 15-year-old kept Choi off balanced with an array of baseline and drop shots to enjoy an 11-7 lead at the interval. She twice made a hairpin net shot, where the shuttle clears

very close to the net and drops sharply to the other side.

Pangilinan, who shouts after each point made to calm her nerves, did not let the opportunity pass her as she closed out the second game to force a rubber.

Choi, with her title defense getting dimmer, revived her chances in the third and even led 11-9 at the break. She, however, ran into a number of unforced errors as her baseline and drop shots were either out or failed to clear the net.

Pangilinan won five of the next six points to grab the upper hand, 14-12, and seven of the last 11 to complete her upset win. She made it two in a row against Choi in the women's A doubles.

Pangilinan teamed up with Malasarte to beat Choi and Lanie Bartolome, 21-16, 21-19.

Takahashi topped the men's

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JON PEREZ

Janelle Pangilinan chases a drop shot in her finals game against Hannah Choi in the women's singles A division of the Sun Palace Singles and Doubles Competition 2015 last weekend at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.



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Mariana Resort general manager Gloria Cavanagh is flanked by low gross winners Harry Nakamura, left, and Louie Tilipao during the awards ceremony for the Mariana Resort 37th Anniversary Golf Tournament last Saturday.